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Miss Brinton Speaks At Narberth Club

**Describes Modern Mexico in
Illustrated Talk to
Clubwomen.**

VIEWS ARE SHOWN

Miss Ellen Brinton, Field Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, was the speaker at the Women's Community Club of Narberth on Tuesday afternoon. Her topic was Mexico, which was illustrated with stereopticon views of the inhabitants and scenery of Mexico City and the vicinity.

Miss Brinton, a Borough resident, visited Mexico last summer with a group of men and women to study conditions in that country and came away with the most astounding feeling that many of the people of the United States did not know or understand the people or the living conditions of Mexico. Miss Brinton said that in the larger cities and towns one finds perfectly equipped electric trains, well-paved streets, beautiful homes and charming people. Rows and rows of houses are freshly painted in pale pastel shades. While these houses are outwardly very unpretentious, much beauty is to be seen inside. Many of them have marvelous patios filled with luxurious tropical plants and flowers and many singing birds, for every one, even the poorer classes, love the birds and anywhere from one to six cages are to be seen in front or in the patios of the houses. These patios are the gathering places of the family and their friends.

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Mrs. Symond Succeeds Miss Eckfeldt as 2d Grade Teacher

The resignation of Miss Charlotte Eckfeldt, a second grade teacher at the Narberth School, was announced at the meeting of the board last Friday night. Miss Eckfeldt has accepted a position in the Stetson Junior High School, Philadelphia.

The vacancy was filled by the appointment of Mrs. Myrl Pope Symond, a graduate of Western Reserve University, class of 1930. Mrs. Symond, who has had three and a half years' teaching experience, lives on Dudley Avenue, Narberth.

A salary increase of \$250 was voted by the board to the supervising principal, W. James Drennen, on the basis of his efficient work during the first half of the current school year.

Auxiliary Plans Party

The Women's Auxiliary of the Harold D. Speakman Post of the American Legion will hold a benefit card party at the Legion headquarters on Saturday evening, March 14. There will be prizes for each table and tickets may be had from Mrs. Robert C. Collins, of Woodside Avenue.

of Special Interest

This community paper takes pleasure in presenting this week a feature of great interest and importance—an article by William J. Serrill entitled "A Business Man's View of Our Park Problem," which was read at the recent annual meeting of the Community Health and Civic Association in Ardmore. It is offered in its entirety because of its vital concern to all who have the best interests of the Main Line at heart.

The illustrated article will be found on pages 17, 18, 19 and 20 of this issue.

Mulieres' Meeting to Be Evening of March 9

The regular meeting of the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company which was scheduled for Monday afternoon, March 9, has been postponed until the same evening at 8 o'clock in Elm Hall, when James E. Hearl, of the Bell Telephone Company, will show Educational Moving Pictures of great interest. These pictures have never been shown in Narberth and the public is cordially invited. Tristram B. du Marais, president of the Narberth Fire Company, will make the address of welcome. "The Mock Trial," which was to be given at that date, has been postponed.

The Executive Board of the Mulieres will hold a meeting at 208 Essex Avenue next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Dr. Barnes Speaker

The Rev. George Emerson Barnes, pastor of the Overbrook Presbyterian Church, was the speaker at the meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club on Tuesday noon. Dr. Barnes compared the respective qualities of Washington and Lincoln.

Narberth Resident, Charles H. Fernald, Is Author of a New Book on Salesmanship

Charles H. Fernald, of 210 Hampden Avenue, Narberth, is the author of a small but interesting volume, "Modern Selling," which has just been published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., of New York.

The book, as the author states in his foreword, is written "to show the young business man the application of salesmanship principles to every walk of life—whether it be selling, a profession or just a trade, for no matter what one does in this world he must employ salesmanship fundamentals if he is ever to be a success."

Mr. Fernald, who has occupied posts in two universities, comes by his academic tendencies naturally, for both his father and his grandfather were professors at Amherst College.

He attended Massachusetts Agricultural College, where he played on the baseball and hockey teams for four

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Announce Cast for "The Whole Town's Talking"

"The Whole Town's Talking," a three-act farce, by special permission of Longmans, Green & Company, will be presented by the Dramatic Committee of the Women's Community Club of Narberth on Friday evening, March 13, at 8:15 o'clock in Elm Hall.

The cast is as follows: Henry Simmons, William A. Stout; Harriet Simmons (his wife), Faith A. Farmer; Ethel Simmons (their daughter), Lucile S. Clark; Roger Shields (man-about-town), Frank S. Follmer; Chester Binney (Simmons' partner), Arthur L. Cooke; Annie, the maid, Virginia Burgstresser; a taxi driver, James F. Sherron, Jr.; Lila Watson and Sally Otis (friends of Ethel), Ruth H. Nash and Anna M. Goodwin; Letty Lythe, movie star, Jeanette E. G. Moore; Donald Swift, her manager and fiancé, W. Russell Green; Sadie Bloom, a dancing teacher. Others in the cast are Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Mrs. Frank S. Follmer, Mrs. Joseph R. Aiken and Mrs. Nelson Rowley.

Narberth Station Unlucky For Freight-Hopping Negro

James Neblick, a Lower Merion policeman, arrested one John Slade, colored, of Haverford Avenue near Forty-eighth Street, Philadelphia, when he discovered him lounging at the Narberth Station on Tuesday night.

Slade told Magistrate Meredith at a hearing at Ardmore on Wednesday morning that he and another man had come to the station to catch a freight train and that his companion had succeeded in getting aboard a westbound train, but that he had not. He was discharged with a warning to keep away from the railroad.

Dr. Fineshriber to Speak Here Sunday

**Outstanding Rabbi to Address
Third Community
Service.**

AT METHODIST CHURCH



DR. WILLIAM FINESHRIBER

Rabbi William Fineshriber, of the Keneseth Israel Synagogue in Philadelphia, will be the speaker at a community service to be held at the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church on Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

The service will be the third in a series of community services sponsored by three of the Protestant churches of the borough.

Dr. Fineshriber, who is considered one of the leading minds in modern Judaism, is constantly in demand as a speaker and lecturer. He recently debated with Clarence Darrow on the question, "Is Religion Necessary?" at the Academy of Music.

Music at the service will be provided by the quartet of the Baptist Church, consisting of the following: Mrs. John Gilbert, Mrs. Henry Van Dyke, Robert Hunt and William Tuttle. Miss Dorothy Wire, organist of the Baptist Church, will be at the organ.

Narberth Woman Turns Fireman, Saving Auto

Mrs. Harold C. Fenno, of 600 Essex Avenue, Narberth, enacted the role of a fireman last Tuesday morning when her automobile caught fire in the garage of her home.

Mrs. Fenno was starting the car in the garage when it backfired and set ablaze the gasoline in the carburetor. With the aid of her mother, who was in the car at the time, she pushed the machine out of the garage and, without waiting to call the fire company or get a fire extinguisher from the house, proceeded to smother the flames with sand and rags from the garage.

Delay in smothering the flames would undoubtedly have resulted in serious damage to the car.



CHARLES H. FERNALD

Davis Explains Water Rates Here

Service Charge Not for Service,
as Word Is Commonly
Accepted.

GOOD AQUA COSTS MORE

If the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company's 68,000 consumers were not required to pay an eight-dollar-a-year "so-called service charge," their rate per thousand gallons of water would be materially higher. So declared Carleton E. Davis, of Merion, manager of the company with offices in Bryn Mawr, in a speech before the Bala-Cynwyd Neighborhood Club Tuesday night.

Objections to the service charge, on the ground that no special service is required in Main Line homes, had led to an invitation to Mr. Davis to address the club. He did so, introduced by Charles E. Neville, chairman of the club's Public Service Committee.

The service charge, Mr. Davis pointed out, is an integral part of the company's charge for service, which word he defined as "the act of supplying something for which there is a demand." This charge, plus the regular water rate per thousand gallons, was agreed upon, he went on, in 1920 by representatives of the forty-some communities which the company serves.

He was asked for reasons for the difference between Philadelphia's 2½-cent per day cost of water per family and the suburban daily water cost per family of eleven cents. Mr. Davis declared that the company has many costs which are spared the city's municipal water bureau (of which he was chief for eleven years before coming here six years ago).

"In the city," he said, "houses are close together and more easily supplied; the highway department assumes the cost of resurfacing streets torn up to install new mains; householders have been required to pay for their pipes, and to buy their own meters, and the water supply itself is convenient and cheap."

In the suburbs the private water company has spent nine million dollars in the past six years, he said, on im-

A Fair Hostess



—Photo by Hollander & Feldman.
MISS ELIZABETH LIPPINCOTT COLES
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Stricker Coles,
of Bryn Mawr, who assisted in receiving
at the meeting of Mrs. Benjamin H. Shoe-
maker 2d's Dancing Class at the Philadel-
phia Cricket Club last Saturday evening.

provements and extensions of the system; it has had to keep pace with the enormous development in the city's suburbs by purchasing land and creating reservoirs, increasing the size of its mains (such as in Bala-Cynwyd recently), making innumerable service connections, installing fire hydrants, etc., and in general not only supplying present demands, but spending large sums of money to anticipate future needs. In this work it is aiding Main Line communities secure reduced fire insurance rates for the homes.

The expenditure of \$65,000 in West Manayunk was cited as an instance of the company's community service. Peter C. Hess, member of the Neighborhood Club and assistant chief of the Union Fire Association of Bala-Cynwyd—as well as Township Treasurer and Republican leader—took occasion to commend Mr. Davis for having acceded to his request for the extension of water mains to West Manayunk, where wells a few years ago were becoming unsafe, and piped Springfield water was becoming a necessity. It was pointed out that the water company's investment of \$65,000 is now bringing only 4% gross revenue.

"The water company's revenue has not and does not exceed," Mr. Davis said, "the legal income approved by the Supreme Court for public utilities."

This means an income of between 7 and 8 per cent. on the company's valuation, he told questioners.

"There was a time," he mentioned, "when Bryn Mawr had all the water it needed from a well where our present office is. Other Main Line communities were equally easily served. But now we go far afield for our water supply, and that means increasingly higher costs—and charges."

Mr. Davis took occasion to say that "I believe the communities served by the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company have one of the best services in the country. The rates are fair, the quality of the water is good, and the company need not apologize for its rates."

Narberth Resident Author Of Book on Salesmanship

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years. He graduated from this institution in 1916.

After serving in the navy in the destroyer squadron for two years during the war, Mr. Fernald entered the Harvard School of Business Administration, receiving his M. B. A. in 1921.

During the next couple of years he gained some practical experience in the business world, and then went to the University of North Carolina as Assistant Professor of Sales Relations.

He then spent five years at the University of Illinois in charge of courses in advertising. It was at Illinois that he wrote a college text book on salesmanship which has become the standard text in the colleges on this subject. He was also president of the Association of advertising clubs of the State for two years when at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Fernald believes that the big job in writing a book, or anything else for that matter, is the organization of the material. When that is properly done, he says, the actual writing constitutes no special difficulty.

His present book, "Modern Selling," which is dedicated to his wife, was dictated to Mrs. Fernald who took it down in shorthand and typed the manuscript. Mrs. Fernald is also the capable publicity chairman of the Woman's Community Club of Narberth.

Mr. Fernald, who has been a resident of Narberth for two years, has a sister, Helen E. Fernald, who lives in Bryn Mawr and is curator of the Chinese section of the University of Pennsylvania Museum.

After spending a year with N. W. Ayer and Son, Mr. Fernald became associated with the Theatre Service Corporation, of which he is now divisional manager.

Letters to Editor

Defends Autocars

To the Editor of "Our Town."

Dear Sir:

My attention has been called to an article in your paper with reference to the contemplated purchase by the Borough of Narberth of a piece of fire apparatus.

I understand the old Autocar truck has served the Borough many years and the same hills had to be negotiated responding to alarms as any new piece of apparatus will necessarily be called upon to climb.

It is a most interesting fact that during all these years the Borough has depended upon Autocar and the town has never been wiped out by a conflagration and I daresay your fire insurance rates are equal to, if not lower, than any suburban community.

That anyone should question the speed or hillclimbing ability of our chassis with a comparatively light load—found with fire apparatus of the size intended—is difficult to understand.

I think you will agree that the Borough of Darby is situated on many hills and we recently were awarded the contract for combination hose and chemical wagon mounted on one of our Model "D" chassis for that Borough, after we had demonstrated its ability to negotiate some severe grades in and about that Borough.

You will be interested also to know that we qualified under the City of New York Fire Department specifications for hose and chemical wagons and during 1930 had the pleasure and privilege of quoting on twenty such pieces for that department. Unfortunately Seagrave was the lowest bidder and awarded the contract; but the fact remains that had we been the low bidder with Autocar, we would have qualified under the specifications and would have been accepted by the City of New York.

CHAS. E. DOLING,
District Manager,
The Autocar Company.

Editor's Note: Our Town is glad to print this statement from the Autocar Company. Unfortunately, the paper has no voice in the choice of fire-fighting equipment, so can only refer the letter to Borough Council and the Fire Company.

Mrs. Maloney Guild Hostess

Mrs. Francis H. Maloney, of 530 Valley View Road, Merion, will be the hostess of a bridge party for the benefit of St. Margaret's Guild at her home on Friday, February 27, at two o'clock. The regular monthly meeting of the Guild will be held in the library of St. Margaret's School on Tuesday, March 3, at 8.30 P. M.

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Narberth Scouts Join in Program At Valley Forge

**Sixteen Boys and Scoutmaster
Participate in Review and
"Trooporee."**

PLAN DINNER MARCH 5

Sixteen scouts of the Narberth Troop and their scoutmaster, George O. Schroder, participated in the review and "Trooporee" held at Valley Forge last Saturday in honor of the birthday of George Washington.

Nearly 3000 scouts lined up in military fashion and passed in review before John Lewis Evans, of Haverford, president of the Delaware-Montgomery Scout Council; Isaac C. Sutton, of Ardmore, scout commissioner; Edward A. Carlson, of Ardmore, scout executive, and other officials.

A service in Valley Forge Chapel with an address by the Rev. W. Herbert Burke, rector; a "trooporee" to the various places of interest in the park, culminating with Washington's headquarters, and preparation of their own lunch, were the other features of the day.

Boys of the Narberth Troop who participated in the day's events were: Richard Wentz, Robert Hutchinson, George Schroder, Wayne Deaves, Robert Knapp, Raymond Humphries, Boyd Humphries, Martin Case, Walter Case, Gordon Hackman, Robert McLaughlin, Peter Finnimore, Charles Mason, Paul Smith, Al McCarthy, and Murray Patton. The scoutmaster, Mr. Schroder and Charles Mason, of the Troop Committee, were also in the party.

The Fathers' Association, which sponsors the Narberth Troop, will give a dinner at Elm Hall on Thursday evening, March 5, with the object of interesting more fathers in scout work in Narberth. The Scout Mothers' Auxiliary will prepare and serve the dinner. A movie benefit and a show are also being planned to raise money to carry on the scout work.

Coincident with the celebration recently of the twenty-fifth birthday of the boy scout movement is the thirteenth anniversary of the Narberth Troop. There are thirty boys in the troop at present, under the leadership of Scoutmaster Schroder and Assistant Scoutmaster Robert Daubeit. The officers of the Troop Committee are: T. E. Loughlin, chairman; I. N. Wilson, E. D. Hackman, W. S. Deaves, Walton M. Wentz, Charles C. Mason, C. K. Stahl and William Hutchinson.

Plans are being made by the Scout Mother's Auxiliary, organized to raise money for the building fund, for card parties in the homes of the members through the spring and summer. Refreshments will be served and prizes given at these parties.

Bible Land Lecture

Excavations and finds at "Ur of the Chaldees" will be shown in an illustrated lecture at the Bala-Cynwyd M. E. Church, Levering Mill Road, at 8 P. M. Wednesday. The lecture will be given by Dr. Robert G. Muir, of the University of Pennsylvania.

To Elect Officers

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Narberth Presbyterian Church will be held on Thursday, March 5, from ten to four. Luncheon will be served at 12:30. The annual election of officers will take place at this meeting.

Narberth Building and Loan Association To Open Its 51st Series on Thursday

The new fifty-first Series of the Narberth Building & Loan Association in both long and short term will be opened at the March meeting at Elm Hall, Thursday evening, March 5, from seven until nine. In the long term series the dues are one dollar a month with an entrance fee of twenty-five cents per share the first month only, and when the dues paid in added to the earnings equal \$200 a share the stock matures, which at the present time takes 136 months, or eleven years and four months, while the short term series dues are two dollars a month with an entrance fee of twenty-five cents per share the first month only, and when the dues paid in added to the earnings equal \$200 a share the stock matures, which at the present time takes seventy-nine months or six years and seven months.

As shown on the report there are 11,693 shares in force and the earnings are at the rate of 8.4 per cent. a year, and the assets of the Association are over \$1,100,000.

The object of a building and loan association is to loan money to its own stockholders for the purpose of financing homes and it is just as important to the association to have dues coming in each month as it is to have homes to finance.

During the past year three series have matured and stockholders represented in these series have received \$241,400. During this same period two new series have been opened.

The next series to be matured will be the thirty-eighth short term, which will be due after the March payment and checks will then be mailed.

It is not necessary to attend the

monthly meeting of the association which always occur the first Thursday in each month, but checks can be directed to the Narberth Building and Loan Association, Narberth, Pa., and credit will be given and the check will be a receipt, or payments can be made each month at either the Narberth National Bank or the Merion Title and Trust Company.

Any of the directors will gladly explain the building and loan idea and if you have a special problem such as creating an educational fund for your son or daughter, or to build up a fund for a certain purpose, you will find it an easy matter to put aside a few dollars each month and it will surprise you how quickly the time passes and the fund is completed upon maturity of the stock. If before the stock matures you find it necessary to use a certain amount of money you can always borrow up to the amount of your withdrawal value in the building and loan, paying interest at the rate of six per cent. while the earnings are 8.4 per cent.

On another page of this issue will be found the twenty-fourth annual report of the Narberth Building and Loan Association. It should be most gratifying to the people of this community to know that this local association has so well weathered the business depression of the last year and a half. The soundness of this local association may be judged from a perusal of the report and by the names of the men who are its officers and directors.

Do not forget the new series to be opened at Elm Hall, Thursday evening, March 5, between seven and nine o'clock.

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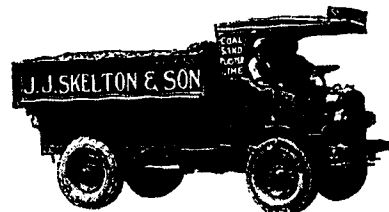
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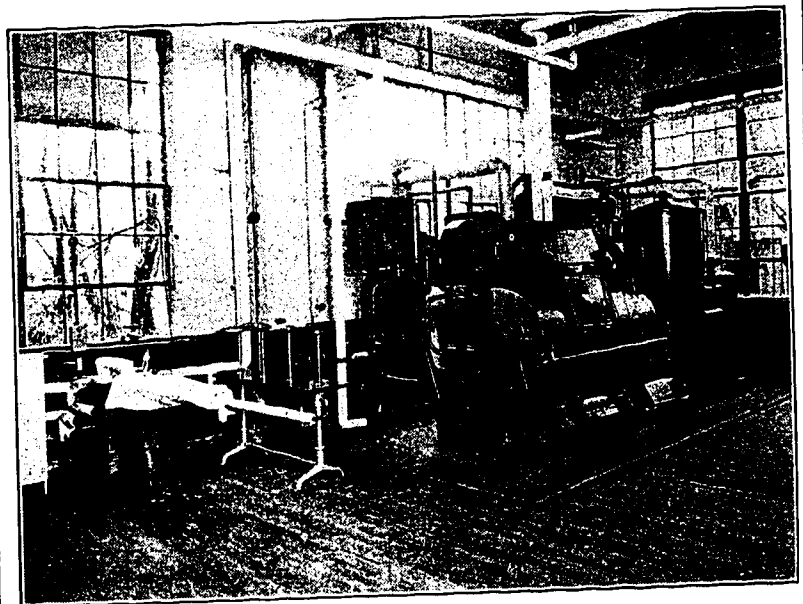
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Certain Opinions

All labor riots and strike disputes are now blamed on the Communists. (Spell it with a small "c" if you want to; it's immaterial to me.) Time was when the Socialists would have been held guilty for such occurrences but the followers of Karl Marx have become almost respectable. We always have a bugaboo in our midst and just now the "Reds" are it. Once upon a time there was a "Yellow Peril" and perhaps you may remember the worryment caused by goods "Made in Germany." But they have passed into the limbo of jobless spectres. The soviet regime makes a good current goblin because no one knows much about it.

Mussolini and his corps of Fascisti advisers need a sense of humor badly. Instead of demanding apologies and explanations every time some government employe or appointee criticizes Italy, they should welcome the additional publicity. His real danger lies in having the world become tired of hearing about him. But neither Il Duce nor the Communists need worry about being ignored while the great American pastime continues to be "viewing with alarm."

Inasmuch as this seems to be a foreign column, notation is made that the King of Italy is to award 13,455 medals during 1931. Victor Emanuel is the name of the King of Italy, in case you didn't know. Sometime a census of medals should be made. I believe that everyone in the world has at least two of some sort. Recently at an installation of officers in a Spanish-American War Veterans' Camp nearly every boy of '98 present proudly displayed from three to seven decorations. The Spanish-American War, so history tells us, lasted about ninety days. Even with the subsequent Boxer Rebellion and Filipino Insurrection it's difficult to figure where all the trophies came from. Don't think for a moment that I am questioning their right to wear them, however—if there was anything of that sort the other veterans of the camp would have found out about it long ago. But the respondent chests do evoke curiosity.

A survey of the status of the modern woman is to be made under the direction of Dr. Susan M. Kingsbury, of Bryn Mawr College. The inventory of the part the feminine hand plays in business, industry, the home and in other vocations will be nation-wide. It's too bad some man couldn't have steered this survey off before it got under way, but now I suppose we'll have to accept the findings. It's well known that woman's wants and whims are catered to by all classes, but there is a dread in discovering just how far she has taken over the management of things. In this era anyone who calls himself "a man's man" isn't boasting.

Periodically several bankers and other executives who ought to know better can't resist the temptation of announcing that the business depression has ended. Fewer predictions and more work is what the public wants. In fact the speeches could be dispensed with entirely. What a great day it will be when the weather again becomes the major topic of conversation.

Lack of judgment might be said to be the only issue involved in this week's trial of the Kansas City woman who shot and killed her husband when he raised her bid to four spades and set.

This column's prophesy on the recipient of the Bok Award, made a couple of issues ago, was just as good—and bad—as all other predictions made on the same topic during the last ten years.—E. L. P.

Some men waste so much love on themselves that they haven't any left for their wives or their neighbors.

The rarest woman is one who doesn't think her husband got a better wife than he deserved.

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The New Election Code

When the next Presidential election rolls around in 1932, voters may find some radical changes have been introduced in the voting machinery of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if the new election code, which is now before the State legislature, is adopted. Public hearings on the new code will begin on March 3.

In accordance with our policy of keeping citizens posted on matters of public concern, we are pleased to present a digest of the new code which is furnished us through the courtesy of Mrs. Conyers Read, of Villanova, vice chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. It was prepared by Thomas J. Walker in collaboration with Albert B. Maris. The digest follows:

The new Election Code not only codifies and thereby simplifies existing election laws but also introduces into the compact form of the code a number of new proposals for which friends of clean elections have been fighting for years.

Particularly the code makes for efficiency and economy in administration of the registration and election laws, and also for removing these laws and their administration from the influence of machine politics by creating a system of control under the Secretary of the Commonwealth. This new control is brought about by removing from the county commissioners in first, second, third and fourth class counties and from registration commissions where they now function their powers over the conduct of elections and registration, and centralizes them in county boards of elections operating throughout the State under the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The code also makes for cleaner registrations and for providing a larger voting power for the people by replacing the present system of annual registration by a modern system of permanent registration applicable to every city, borough and township in the State. The code also strikes at the assistance to voters evil which is a prolific source of fraudulent control of elections.

Briefly the Election Code revises, amends and consolidates the laws relating to nominations and elections, the registration of electors, nomination and election expenses and election contests. Its dominating feature is that it sets up in each county a county board of elections, operating under regulations issued by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as chief State election officer, with the approval of the Governor and Attorney General. In first, second, third and fourth class counties, the County Board of Elections shall consist of four members, no more than two of whom shall be of the same political party, appointed by the Governor for four years. In all other counties, the Boards shall consist of the County Commissioners, ex-officio.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth, as Chief State Election Officer, is given the power and duty to compel observance by county boards and district election officers of the code's provisions and of the rules and regulations made by him and to investigate election frauds and report to the Attorney General or local District Attorney for prosecution.

County Boards shall have powers and duties now distributed between the courts, County Commissioners and Registration Commissioners, among others to: petition for redistricting voting districts; to purchase voting machines, ballots and other supplies; to appoint registrars, registration inspectors and fill all vacancies in the office of judge and inspector of election whether occurring on the day of election or before election; to issue watchers' certificates for registration and election days; to instruct election officers in their duties, calling them together if necessary, to receive from election officers and compute the returns of primaries and elections and to investigate election frauds and take steps to bring about prosecutions.

The code also provides for a system of permanent personal registration throughout the State to supplant the present annual registration. Electors may register in person any day in the year, except for the period beginning thirty days before and ending five days after an election or primary. Once registered under the new plan, the elector does not re-register unless he fails to vote at least once in four years or moves into another district. To keep the lists clean, it is provided that Registrars of Vital Statistics shall report deaths of residents whose registration shall be cancelled; public service companies or other agencies supplying electricity, gas, water, steam, telephone or other services to residences

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Main Lines

The last of the famous "round table conferences" between Joey Bowles, of the C. of C., and the Main Line newspapermen was held at the Green Lantern Lodge on Tuesday with Mr. Bowles as guest of honor and the newspapermen as hosts.

It is customary to give a guest of honor—especially one who is soon to be gone but not forgotten—a memento of his stay amongst us. It was easy enough to arrange the luncheon—but what gift should we give Joey? Suggestions ranged all the way from a bathrobe—a lady in our own dear office suggested that—to a book of sorts. An important book, of course; a costly book, if necessary, but a book.

"He probably has a book," said R. M. C. (And for pulling the old chestnut almost got put in the wastebasket.) A fountain pen? A lamp?

That guy who has been mentioned once or twice in this column held out stoutly for a book. A committee of five even invaded a local bookshop under his guidance and asked for an important-looking book for Joey.

"Ah! Here's one," cried G. A. W. But four stern seekers after truth (of a sort) and, incidentally, a book, shook their heads. George's choice was "Naked on Roller Skates."

Something that Joey would appreciate—that was the thing to buy! And a bound copy of "When Ardmore Was Athensville," not being available, the five sorrowfully sought elsewhere.

P. A. L., realist that he is, solved the problem.

As the luncheon drew to a close, the honored guest paused in one of his famous sales talks long enough for the chronic heckler at the round table luncheons to get to his feet and thrust a package at Joey with a few ill-chosen words. The guest opened the package and expressed his delight at receiving a very swell brief case.

P. S. Mr. Bowles has had a brief case, which he never carries, for the past two years.

Last week we saw a blue bird and this week we saw the driver of a Montgomery Company bus. Spring is just around the corner! And now, dear children, if Johnny will get off the piano and Susie will take the chewing gum out of the cat's tail—that's right, Sue, chew your gum like a good little girl; if—but where were we.

If you will gather close—Johnny, please come down from the piano—well, if you will all be quiet as little mousies, why Uncle Wop will tell you a story. Uh-huh. Old Uncle Wopsie will tell all you dear little children—Hel—en, for heaven's sake stop teasing the goldfish—will, oh, damme, will tell you a perfectly lovely story. So now!

Once upon a time there was a postman and some old geezer who had been in the Civil War got out his gun and shot him. He thought he was a Confederate soldier. Isn't that funny!

And once upon a time there was a Haverford Township policeman and a dear, kind old lady asked if he was collecting letters on her street. Oh, my! And then there was the Valley Forge M. A. cadet who was asked to raid the bootlegging joint. . . . Oh, ho!

And just the other day the bus drivers blossomed out in such perfectly sweet gray-blue uniforms that any one uninformed as to their status will be sure to mistake them for Major Baker's natty little cherubs—such lovely boys, you know, and so sweetly warlike with their guns and swords and citations and fondness for ice-cream sodas.

Really, dear children, one would think that the cloth left in the Confederate arsenals after the war would soon be exhausted.

Sale to Aid Unemployed

A bake sale for the benefit of the unemployed will be held on Saturday, February 28, in the vacant store at 228 Haverford Avenue, from 10 A. M. until 2 P. M. by the Westminster Circle of the Narberth Presbyterian Church.

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New Central Fire Alarm System Will Go into Effect in Township March 1st

New Fire Marshal



—News Photo.
ANTHONY J. McGRANN
recently appointed Fire Marshal of Lower
Merion Township, snapped beside his new
automobile this week.

The new central fire alarm system for Lower Merion Township has been installed and is ready for operation. It will go into effect March 1, A. D. Warnock, chairman of the police and fire committee, reported to the Board of Commissioners at the meeting on Wednesday night.

Under the new system all fire calls will be received on a special telephone switchboard in the Ardmore police station and the nearest fire house notified. A map with lists of streets arranged in alphabetical form will guide the switchboard operator in calling the stations, which will be hooked up on direct wires. At present fire calls go through the regular telephone exchanges.

All fire calls will be "20" after March 1—Ardmore 20, if sent through the Ardmore exchange; Bryn Mawr 20, Merion 20 and Narberth 2200. The board authorized the purchase of an automobile for the fire marshal.

Need For Financial Relief Greater Than Ever, Says Federation of Churches

The expenditures of the Main Line Federation of Churches for the month of January were approximately \$3542. The income for January was approximately \$2162. From this it can be seen that the special contributions given at Christmas time and immediately afterward will not last very long. If the organization is to meet its obligations to less fortunate neighbors, contributions in larger amounts than ever before must continue to come to the treasurer, E. Y. Hartshorne, of Haverford, according to reports given at the regular monthly meeting of the executive committee.

According to the report of the executive secretary, never before in the history of the organization has there been such need for financial relief and over comparatively long periods of time. Wells of what we usually call natural resources for families are dry. These so-called natural resources in the past have included relatives, savings, borrowing from banks, or selling of real estate. Funds from none of these sources are available now. Even when funds are provided by the Federation but when there is no work there is a breaking down of morale, discouragement, sense of failure, and despair. One man and so were his fathers for several generations before him. Last week man to an old man with white hair. Inactivity for weeks and months has told on him physically and mentally. His wife told us a short time ago, that he walks the floor most of the time when at home. He is a skilled workman and so were his fathers for several generations before him. Last week when he received his weekly allowance he was more depressed than usual. The next day he had secured work through the Emergency Employment Office. While he has always been grateful for money given him, this offer of work pleased him very much more. Never has laboring work been more carefully done but what is more important is the change that has been wrought in the man. There is quiet dignity but his head is up and a smile is on his face.

The executive secretary reported that not only is unemployment causing

much distress but sickness as well. Besides financial relief other services must be rendered to many; arrangements must be made for a family of children to be cared for by relatives while the mother is in the hospital and for a little while the mother who is a widow is at a sanatorium; advice must be secured for those who are in legal entanglements; the deserter must be traced. This necessitates many visits and many telephone calls and many miles were covered by auto to meet this unprecedented need for welfare work.

George F. Curwen who is also a member of the Main Line Emergency Committee reported that the work of this committee through the employment office has done much for the Federation of Churches indirectly. He stated that of the 572 unemployed registered, Miss Christy, the executive secretary of the emergency committee, has secured permanent positions for twelve and 238 temporary positions. Mr. Curwen emphasized that the emergency committee was concentrating its efforts on securing positions for the unemployed but was leaving the relief needs to be attended to and met by the existing relief agencies, namely: The Main Line Federation of Churches, Coal Fund of the Main Line Community Weeklies, Bala-Cynwyd Woman's Club, Wayne Neighborhood League and the Paoli Branch of the American Red Cross.

The regular staff of the federation has been augmented this month by other trained case workers.

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ESTATE NOTICE

Estate of Mary Strogen, late of Narberth, Montgomery County, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to

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daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lamon, of Princeton Road, Cynwyd, whose engagement to Mr. John Charles Stacks, of New York, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Homer Stacks, of York, Pa., as been announced.

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DELPHINIUMS POPULAR

"In making a garden," said J. E. Mattis, of Henry A. Dreer, Inc., of Philadelphia, at the meeting of the Home and Garden Club, at the Woman's Club of Ardmore on Friday afternoon, "the first consideration is the site. Our aim should be to get the effect of one satisfactory picture rather than several disjointed ones. A much more satisfactory effect is obtained by mass or group plantings."

In bearing out this theory, Mr. Mattis gave the following suggestions:

Masses of pink snapdragons, bordered with candy-tuft and gladioli, cream and canary colored, arranged in irregular groups in the background;

Shell pink phlox drummondii grandiflora, with Paris Daisies in the background may be planted next to white snapdragon;

French Marigold, a variety of golden ball, placed in front of a taller growing African marigold, a variety of Lemon Queen, combines well when planted with pale masses of lilac ageratum on either side;

Antirrhinum Snapdragon develops slowly and should be started in a greenhouse in January or February, or in a hotbed in March. The seed is very small, and must be covered with finely pulverized soil, and the seedlings transplanted into flats, pots, frames or greenhouse benches and kept well watered and cultivated to encourage growth. When the plants are four or five inches high, pinch off the tips of the shoots to make the plants bushy. The half-dwarf varieties are the best for garden use.

Aristocratic Delphinium

Delphinium, the aristocrat of the summer garden, gives a very fine effect when planted in large drifts or masses. They are perfectly hardy and while they stand partial shade, this plant much prefers a sunny location. Plant in very fertile deeply prepared flower beds or borders. Like the chrysanthemum, they are rank feeders and should be

fed at intervals during the growing season.

When the blooms fade, cut the flower stalks to the ground immediately, in order to conserve the energy of the plant for a second crop of bloom. It is very necessary to fertilize again about ten days after the first blooming period is over, to aid the plant in the production of its second crop of bloom. Either do not allow the delphinium to bloom more than once during the season or give it ample food to strengthen it for its extra work. Delphiniums are propagated by divisions, cuttings and seeds, all of which methods are satis-

factory. Root division may be done in either the fall or the spring, and the old plants should be lifted and divided every two or three years, depending upon the luxuriance of their growth. Cuttings are either taken from the new growth in the early spring, or from the second growth which follows the first flowering period. The seed germinates slowly and may be started in a frame, or a well-prepared seed bed in the open. When the seedlings appear, transplant them into good garden soil, in rows of about six inches apart. Aim to keep them growing steadily by frequent cultivation, watering and occa-

sional feeding.

Mr. Mattis mentioned many varieties of the annuals and perennials which are the favorites of many of the lovers of gardens. Among them were pansies, petunias, cosmos—of which there is a new variety—primrose, hollyhocks, Zinnias and many others.

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The Gateway to Radnor



—Main Line Photo.

The community weeklies of the Main Line point with pride to this, another example of modern railroad architecture. It is the station serving the wealthy and attractive community of Radnor. No less a person than General William Wallace Atterbury, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is a resident of Radnor. Might we suggest he ask his chauffeur to drive him around by the station some day for a look-see?

Great Tribute to Washington Was Loyalty of His Starving Troops at Valley Forge

By George Morgan

In dramatizing life on the Valley Forge Hills, during the encampment of General Washington's army, one does not need to depart from the actual facts as supplied in contemporary letters. The contrast between conditions in February, 1778, and a month or so later is so striking as almost to become a drama in itself.

Let us put the dates together, following W. S. Baker in his Washington "Itinerary":

February 10 Mrs. Washington arrived in camp from Mt. Vernon. This was a fine diversion for the General himself, and pleased headquarters greatly; but the presence of the commander's lady did not relieve the bodily distress of the troops.

In a letter to General Greene, February 12, General Varnum wrote: "The horses are dying for want of forage. The country in the vicinity of the camp is exhausted."

Soldiers' Fidelity

Now mark this: "For some days past," wrote General Washington on February 16 to Governor Clinton, of New York, "there has been little less

than famine in the camp. A part of the army has had a week without any kind of flesh, and the rest three or four days. Naked and starving as they are, we cannot enough admire the incomparable patience and fidelity of the soldiery, that they have not been ere this excited by their suffering to a general mutiny and dispersion."

It is true there was another diversion in camp. That is to say, Baron Steuben arrived with the purpose of drilling the Continentals as they had never been drilled before—and he made good; but how were troops weakened by the winter's famine-fare to respond, with due spirit, to the drillmaster's instruction?

Nevertheless, on April 1, John Laurens wrote from headquarters to his father, Henry Laurens, President of Congress, then at York, Pa.: "It would enchant you to see the enlivened scene of our Campus Martius."

That same month, on the 22d, General Washington wrote to that same man concerning "the good news brought by the frigate 'Sensible'." Simeon Deane, brother of Silas, one of the American Commissioners in Paris, brought the news in person. The King

of France has dispatched the 36-gun frigate to carry him across the Atlantic, and, after a passage of 35 days, he had arrived at Falmouth (now Portland), Me.; and had hurried thence with his stunning message. France was to be the ally of the Valley Forge starvelings! Splendid France led into a treaty by the sagacious Franklin was to follow the example of her knightly Lafayette!

Grand Jubilee

Saturday, May 2, Washington ordered divine service on May 3. Wednesday, May 6, he gave orders that the whole army join in a grand jubilee in honor of the treaty of alliance, signed February 6, between France and the United States.

Next day, Thursday, May 7, there was a military fete, and the whole camp rejoiced. At 9 A. M. Washington and his officers attended the religious service held by the troops of the New Jersey brigade—the Jersey Blues. At 11:30 the Chief began a review of the whole army. He dined in the open with his officers and there were patriotic toasts. Music sounded over the hills. When he departed with his staff and escort, he was followed for a quarter of mile by the huzzas of his men. He and the officers of his retinue turned in their saddles and huzzaed at the top of their lungs. It was good-bye to the worst of their winters; and it was good-bye to starvation and despair.

What a difference between the snowy February hill slopes, with their dismal huts, and this jubilant scene of the review in honor of the Franco-American Alliance!

'Sob Story' Believed; Easy Money Result

Despite repeated stories of depressed conditions, it seems that easy money is still to be had by some, according to reports heard the other day. A man reputed to be selling vacuum cleaners has been canvassing Main Line homes, telling a sob story to the mistress of the house—that he is trying to get enough money together to reach his home in California. There are a lot more sobs in it; in fact, the tale as he tells it has so touched the heart of the hearers that sums of \$25, \$40 and \$60 have been given to him to help him on his way.

All of which brings to mind that the maxim "Investigate before you invest" applies to charity as well as to stocks and bonds.

The Red Cross, the Main Line Federation of Churches, the Unemployment Relief Fund are all worthy causes which will be glad to receive any extra money that may be spared.

Don't be taken in by an uninvestigated sob story.

PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Clerk of the Borough of Narberth at the Clerk's office up until 8 o'clock P. M. (8 P. M.) the sixth day of March, the year 1931 A. D., for furnishing the Borough of Narberth one combination hose and chemical fire apparatus according to the following specifications:

Motor to be six-cylinder, bore 4 1/4 inches; stroke 5 1/4 inches; piston displacement of 411.00 cubic inches; ignition to be double; Biseman magneto; Leece-Neville distributor; carburetor to be 1 1/2 inch Shebler; 20-gallon gas tank final drive to be bevel gear; the rear axle to be full floating bevel gear type. Chassis to be 165 3/16 inch wheel base; frame to be pressed steel, heat-treated, 6 1/2 inches deep, 2 1/2 inches wide, and 1/4 inch thick; brakes to be

4-wheel mechanical brakes; wheels to be cast steel, hollow spoke type; tires to be 34x7 heavy duty cord pneumatic.

Fire equipment to consist of 2 40-gallon copper Champion chemical tanks, complete with piping and 2 1/2-inch filling connection, mounted in the front part of the hose body; apparatus to be equipped with two 10-inch electric headlights, one 12-inch electric searchlight on dash, rear electric tail light, and two electric spot lights on rear standards; to be equipped with 200 feet of 1-inch chemical hose with shut off nozzle; also standard fire fighting equipment.

Hose body to be Planish steel, properly riveted and braced, with a capacity for carrying 1000 feet of 2 1/2-inch hose; body to be 98 inches long, 18 inches wide and 27 inches high.

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WHO'S WHO

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Riding and Driving Keynote of Officer Weiant's Career

The thirteenth of a series of articles to introduce the members of Lower Merion's splendid police force to our readers.

Climbing an embankment and nearly turning a somersault was the first driving experience of Officer Harold Weiant, who is now at the wheel of the Department's patrol wagon.

Riding or driving seems to have been one of Weiant's chief activities all through his life. During the war he acted as chauffeur for Colonel T. W. Miller, a division Ordnance Officer, and since joining the Lower Merion police force he has ridden one of the last horses in the department.

Weiant, who was born in the old Academy School house in Cynwyd, in 1893, recalls one time as a boy when some companions bet him he couldn't ride a horse which was loose in a field. The animal was cornered and held while Weiant got on, and then without saddle, bridle, he was not only let loose but a large section of fence rail was applied to his posteriors. Despite the energetic cavortings produced by this stimulus and the difficulty of



OFFICER HAROLD WEIANT

maintaining a seat on a saddleless and bridleless horse, young Weiant stuck to his back until the animal trotted back to the barn.

In the army, after a year at Camp Meade, Weiant went to France in July, 1918. As chauffeur for Colonel Miller his duties were to drive all around the front in establishing ammunition dumps. He told of one time when driving towards the lines at Verdun a French soldier was seen in the distance waving frantically. The occasion for his gesticulating was soon evident as shells and shrapnel began to burst about the road. The Germans, it seemed, had gotten the range of the road and were beginning to shell it just as Weiant was driving his Colonel up to the lines. Holding that under the circumstances "discretion was the better part of valor," they left their car and took refuge behind a tree until the storm was over. Shells burst too close for comfort, some of them not twenty feet away, but they escaped without injury. The driving on the return was difficult on account of the shell holes which had to be skirted.

After the war Weiant worked for a year in Washington as confidential messenger to Colonel Miller, who was then Alien Property Custodian.

Weiant again assumed a uniform, this time that of the Lower Merion Police Force, on July 1, 1923. After six months' duty in the station house at Ardmore, he was assigned to the Merion beat for a couple of months and then mounted on "Buddie," one of the last two horses owned by the

Department. He worked various beats from Bryn Mawr to City Line. He has been assigned to the patrol wagon for the past seven months. One should not confuse Lower Merion's police "wagon" with ordinary city police patrol wagons, since it closely resembles the station wagons operated by many of the large estates. The "F" on the license tag in front of the number is the only mark by which it may be identified as a police car, this letter being prefixed to all police and fire license plates.

Officer Weiant related one experience which he says is typical of work with the "wagon." A woman in Wynnewood called the police station, telling the man on the switchboard that burglars were entering her home. "Can't you hear the burglar alarm ringing," she said frantically. Weiant drove down immediately and after walking around the house met the occupant at the front door. "I'm so sorry," she said, "the maid set off the burglar alarm by raising the window too high."

Among duties connected with the patrol wagon is that of going immediately to the scene of every fire or accident. In case of injured persons or smoke victims, it is available to take them to the hospital without delay.

Officer Weiant is married and lives at 116 Rockland Avenue, Merion.

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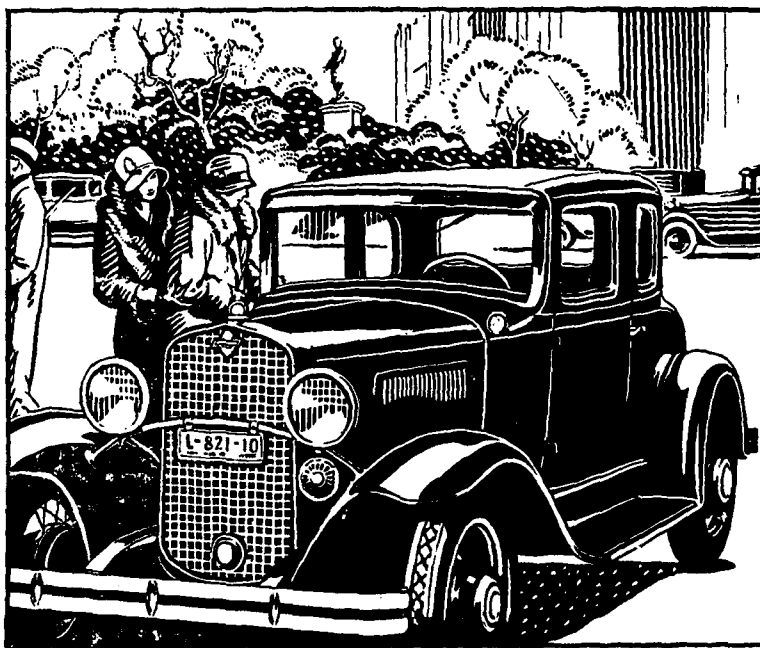
NARBERTH B. & L. ASSOCIATION.
Annual meeting of the Narberth Building and Loan Association for the election of officers from nominations made at the February meeting will be held March 5, 1931, at 9 P. M. at Borough Hall.

THOMAS C. TROTTER,
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New Books

Smacks of the Sea

"The Wanderer of Liverpool," by John Masefield. (The Macmillan Company. \$3.50.)

Reviewed by L. L. Chappell

During last November, the Macmillan Company published "The Wanderer of Liverpool," by John Masefield, England's poet-laureate. It tells, in prose and verse, the complete story of a four-masted steel barque, which was first launched in 1891. Mr. Masefield chanced to see the *Wanderer* in Liverpool yards, when she was new and beautiful, and the picture remained with him through all the years when the ship was far away, beset by divers misfortunes. Though wonderfully well-built and always ably named, she was an unlucky ship. In 1907, accidentally rammed by another vessel in the Elbe River, the *Wanderer* sank. So oblivion might have closed over "the finest ship of her year," "the last achievement in sailing-ship building and rigging" had not John Masefield, haunted by a memory, rescued her truth and grandeur and enclosed them in this book. "I have now made this story," he said, "so that the facts may be known as far as I can learn them from imperfect records, memories of men scattered all over the world, and notes in old newspapers. . . . This book contains all that I can find about her." Because he is a poet, Mr. Masefield has given us much more than the mere facts concerning the *Wanderer*. The glorious image of the old sailing-ship is re-created in word-paintings, and she is suggested as the symbol of excellence bravely meeting a tragic destiny.

The first part of the book, that which tells how the ship was built at Liverpool, is chiefly prose, so technical that it can be perfectly understood only by readers who are conversant with the seafaring life. Yet even to the lay mind the technicalities form no serious barrier to enjoyment of the steely strength and ringing directness of the narrative. It is admirable expository writing by a man who knows and loves the subject of ship-architecture. In the same bare and vigorous prose the author has related the stories of the ten voyages, during each of which some disaster occurs. This is the purely objective story. Here is little poetic magic. These are the hard facts of life at sea, its brutality, its humor, its heroism, and its monotony.

The poetry of the *Wanderer's* life is gathered into certain prose passages and many pages of exquisite verse. It is vivid, moving literature, fresh with the good sea-salt, stormy with the rush of waters, and sublime with the majesty of gallant ships under sail. Of the *Wanderer*, beginning her maiden voyage, the poet said, "So trembling and proudly and queenly, she trod toward ocean." And of her end, he wrote,

"Then crash on the fenceless port broadside the Gertrud's steel bows
Struck, cutting deep, reeling back, grinding in again deeper,
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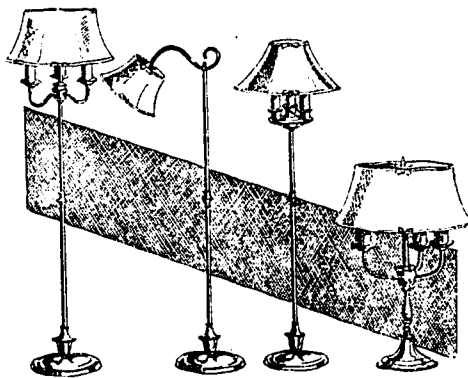
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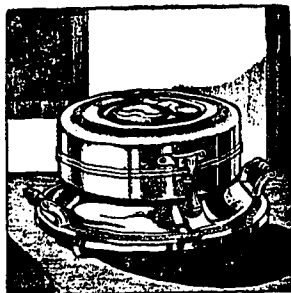
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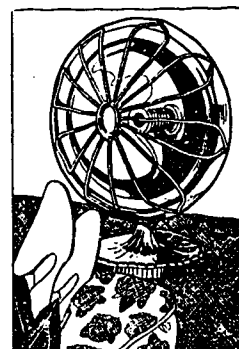
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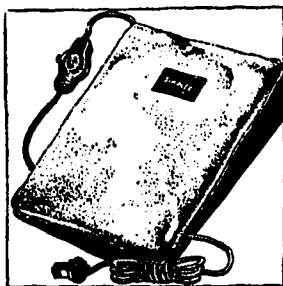
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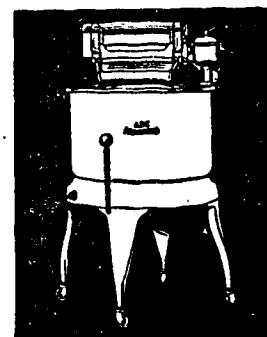
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Worth seeing again:

Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres in

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WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

Conrad Nagel, Basil Rathbone in
John Erskine's Novel, "Sincerity"

"A Lady Surrenders"

FRIDAY, SATURDAY NEXT

Jack Oakie, Lillian Roth and
Eugene Pallette in

"SEA LEGS"

SOON—"TOM SAWYER"

In the Theater

Again Philadelphia has a "stage hit!" Again it is a production of the Professional Players. "The Silent Witness," which opened on Monday night at the Walnut, is the sixth production this season which has been sponsored by this organization.

Mrs. Fitzwilliam Sargent, of Havertown, and Mrs. Upton Favorite, of Philadelphia, have been two members of the Professional Players who have been instrumental in bringing to Philadelphia some of the very best plays that this city has had this year. Of course, Philadelphia for some time past has seen the best of the Theatre Guild productions; the best of Eva Le Gallienne's Civic Repertory plays. But the Professional Players have managed to fill a special corner not pre-empted by both these.

There have been five other plays this year, all of them—one might say—extremely successful. "Man in Possession" started the current subscription season, which, by the way, is the second year of existence for this organization. Next Grace George charmed the audiences at the Walnut in the "First Mrs. Frazer"; Judith Anderson scored a success which she is repeating in New York, in "As You Desire Me"; Frank Morgan gave a marvelous characterization in "Topaze"; Madge Kennedy in the A. A. Milne play, "Michael and Mary," won much praise.

Now "The Silent Enemy" with Lionel Atwill and Anthony Kemble Cooper made an instantaneous hit on its opening night. This gripping melodrama, which was also a success in London, is well done from all angles. It is intelligently built and therefore is convincing. The suspense is well sustained throughout and the last act is particularly fine. Lionel Atwill, Kay Strozzi and Anthony Kemble Cooper are starring members of an excellent and well-rounded cast.

The revival of "My Maryland" at the Shubert has so far proved most successful. Ruth Urban and Alexander Callam play the leading roles in this highly picturesque, if somewhat over-emotionalized, romance of the Civil War. The old soldier's lines are just as funny, the songs just as stirring and touching, the girls in their old-time costumes are just as charming as they were four years ago when this musical comedy made a new theatrical record in Philadelphia. Enough time has passed so that everyone who saw it then may enjoy it again during its stay of the next few weeks.

Another old favorite revived on Monday night was T. S. Arthur's "Ten Nights in a Barroom" at the Lyric. This play, which was presented first in 1858 and was a "temperance" play, to this day and age is chiefly amus-

ing. Where once the lines were taken seriously the audience now greeted them with roars of mirth. Times and audiences have changed!

Next week "Nellie, the Beautiful Cloak Model," will be produced. This was the great melodrama of 1870. Jacob Ginsburg, Jr., who is sponsoring this series of plays, is bringing this old favorite back at the urgent request of many of the theatre-going public.

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Among the attractions remaining are "Strictly Dishonorable," which continues to please many at the Broad; "Street Scene," the Pulitzer Prize play which proves a big attraction at the Forrest, and "Subway Express," the mystery thriller, which is staying on at the Garrick and drawing large audiences.

Local Movies

Narberth Theatre Notes

Completing a week during which capacity audiences witnessed "Min and Bill" and "Abraham Lincoln," the Narberth Theatre this week-end is featuring "Lightnin'," screen adaptation of the humorous stage hit, with Will Rogers, himself, in the leading role.

Ending this Saturday matinee is "The Lone Defender," and a new serial, "The Indians Are Coming," will commence at the same performance. "Kismet," an adventure-romance in which a Caliph falls in love with the daughter of a powerful former beggar, and the beggar succumbs to the charms of the Caliph's favorite wife, is scheduled for Narberth presentation Monday and Tuesday, with Otis Skinner and Loretta Young.

Marilyn Miller, Lawrence Gray and O. P. Heggie make of "Sunny" a musical comedy romance reminiscent of the stage hit. The cinema version is due at Narberth Wednesday and Thursday next. Joe E. Brown in "Going Wild" is coming next week-end.

Egyptian Theatre News

For adult enjoyment are the Egyptian's three features this week-end and the first four days of next week. They are all dramatic and interesting. For children a special matinee will be given this Saturday of children's subjects.

Joan Crawford gives an emotional performance in "Paid," which is based on the underworld drama, "Within the Law." It is at Cynwyd this Friday and Saturday nights.

Constance Bennett and Lew Ayres give exceptional performances in an exceptional and noteworthy picture "Common Clay," coming to the Egyptian next Monday and Tuesday. It is based on Clives Kinkead's Harvard prize play of the same name, and has made a sensation wherever played.

Next Wednesday and Thursday, John Erskine's charming story of marital life, "Sincerity," will be enacted by Basil Rathbone, Conrad Nagel, Genevieve Tobin and Rose Hobart. Its screen title is "A Lady Surrenders," and critics praise it as "sophisticated and clever."

Jack Oakie will clown in "Sea Legs" at the Egyptian next Friday and Saturday. Aided by Eugene Pallette and Lillian Roth, his comedy is somewhat of a hit. Two songs are funny: "It Must Be Illegal" and "A Daisy Told Me."

Narberth Sub-Juniors

Plan Card Party Tomorrow

The Sub-Juniors of the Women's Community Club of Narberth will hold a card party in Elm Hall tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock. There will be a prize for each table and refreshments. Reservations may be made and anyone wishing to come may call Mrs. L. Parker Miller, of Dudley Avenue, or Mrs. J. H. Muller, of Narberth Hall, who are in charge. There is a small charge—tickets, 25 cents.

Narberth's Favorite RECIPES

A Dinner Without Meat

Cream of Vegetable Soup
Stuffed Baked Potatoes with Cheese
Baked Corn and Tomatoes
Waldorf Salad
Fudge Cake
Corn Muffins
Coffee

Baked Corn and Tomatoes.

2 cups of cooked corn (canned or fresh).

2 cups of cooked tomatoes (canned or fresh).

1 teaspoon of salt.

Pepper.

1 teaspoon of sugar.

1 cup of bread crumbs.

3 tablespoons of butter or savory fat.

Mix seasonings with corn and tomatoes and pour all into a greased baking dish. Spread the crumbs over the top, dust them with butter, and bake in a moderate oven for one half hour. This is a very appetizing and satisfactory way of utilizing left-over corn and tomatoes.

Another appetizing vegetable dish is as follows:

Scalloped Celery With Cheese.

2 cups of cooked celery cut into one-inch-long pieces.

2 tablespoons of butter.

2 tablespoons of flour.

1 cup of milk.

Onion, salt.

Pepper.

1 to 2 tablespoons of grated cheese.

Bread crumbs.

Make a sauce of the flour, fat, milk and seasonings. Put the celery into this and turn into a greased ramekin or earthen pudding-dish. Sprinkle with cheese and bread crumbs, mixed with a little butter, and bake until a golden brown. This is a simple but hearty dish.

Fudge Cake.

1/3 cup of butter or shortening.

1 1/2 cups of sugar.

3 eggs.

2 1/2 cups of flour.

2 teaspoons baking powder.

1/4 teaspoon salt.

1/2 cup cocoa.

1 cup of milk.

1 1/2 cups of chopped walnut meats.

1 1/2 teaspoons of vanilla.

Cream the butter or shortening and sugar; add the well-beaten egg yolks. Mix and sift the dry ingredients and add alternately with the milk. Stir in chopped nut-meats, well-floured, and add the flavoring. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg-whites. Bake in a layer-cake tin in a moderate oven (380 degrees Fahrenheit) for forty-five minutes. When cold, spread chocolate frosting between layers and on top.

Several of our readers have requested a recipe for Meringues and Kisses. Here is one recently sent in.

Meringues and Kisses.

2 egg whites.

1/2 cup of powdered sugar.

Pinch of salt.

1/2 teaspoon of flavoring.

Beat the egg-whites stiff, adding the salt. Add the sugar gradually, beating constantly, and heap in rounds or press through a pastry bag on to a wet board covered with ungreased paper.

Bake on the board in a very slow oven (320 degrees F.) for three-quarters of hour. The kisses should be very light brown and quite dry. If they adhere to the paper moisten the other side of the paper by placing it on a wet cloth, they will slip off easily.

The smaller shapes or kisses may be stuck together in pairs with a little white of egg. The meringues, which are usually made larger, may be scooped out and filled with ice cream or whipped cream.

Mock Macaroons.

1 egg-white.

1 cup of chopped salted nuts.

1 cup brown sugar.

Beat the sugar into the stiffly beaten egg-white, add the nuts. Drop by spoonfuls on a greased pan and bake in a slow oven (320 degrees F.) for fifteen minutes.

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Blue Rose RICE lb., 7^c; 3 lbs., 20^c
California PRUNES, 40-50 quality 3 lbs., 25^c
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Leading Teams Meet Tonight in Bowling League

This evening, the four teams that are battling for the lead in the Inter-Church Bowling League, the Meteors and Pilots, the Lions and the Battlers, will meet and some exciting matches are in store.

Last Friday the Meteors, who are tied for the lead with Pilots, took two out of three games from the Camels, while the Pilots took three from the Boosters.

The standings of the teams and the summaries follow:

	W.	L.	Pts.
Meteors	12	6	18
Pilots	13	5	18
Battlers	13	5	17
Lions	12	6	16
Colts	8	10	11
Boosters	7	11	8
Camels	5	13	6
Pep Boys	2	16	2
LIONS			
Albert	140	185	212
Halt	157	151	196
Murray	162	153	140
C. Humphries	169	198	194
Handicap	24	24	24
	652	711	766
COLTS			
Brennan	239	195	165
Meehan	174	190	177
Butler	180	152	118
McClatchy	187	187	182
	780	724	672
BATTLERS			
R. Young	165	123	156
McCarter	183	169	147
Keim	175	147	235
W. Smedley	161	175	164
H. Smedley	202	201	162
	886	815	864
PEP BOYS			
Fittipaldi	163	145	147
Smith	136	128	132
Yowell	155	135	186
F. Hamer	191	161	139
G. Humphries	136	146	155
Handicap	20	20	20
	801	735	829
METEORS			
H. Humphries	227	146	192
G. Davis	161	203	188
C. Young	157	189	153
Duncan	206	168	128
Hartley	180	245	159
	931	951	820
CAMELS			
Rubican	171	141	113
Gallagher	148	202	175
Devanney	163	157	124
Mawhinney	123	117	156
Johnson	160	154	190
Handicap	84	84	84
	852	855	842
BOOSTERS			
Riley	182	166	180

Church Notes

All Saints Episcopal Church

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Rev. Edward J. Bubb, Assistant.
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Second Sunday in Lent, March 1:

8:00 A. M.—Holy Communion.
9:45 A. M.—Church school.

11:00 A. M.—Holy Communion and sermon.

At the 11 o'clock service the musical program by the vested choir will include the following:

Organ Prelude, Chanson Triste, Tschalkowsky; Offertory Anthem, "Lowly Now Before Him Bending," Candles; Organ Postlude, "Elegie," Youferoff.

A cordial invitation is extended to the general public.

The Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Van Ness, M. A., Minister.
Meetings for March 1:

9:45 A. M.—Bible school. Separate opening exercises in each department.

11:00 A. M.—Morning worship. Sermon theme: "Hilarious Giving."

11:00 A. M.—The Junior Church, directed by Mrs. A. S. Digby.

4:00 P. M.—A Communicants' Class will be formed of those desiring to unite with the church at the Easter Communion.

6:45 P. M.—Meetings of the three Christian Endeavor Societies.

7:45 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon theme: "The Sanhedrin Trial." There will be special music by the Christian Endeavor chorus, directed by Mr. Brown, of the Eastern Baptist Seminary.

Tuesday:

8:15 P. M.—The Community Bible Class, taught by Miss Harrison.

Wednesday:

8:00 P. M.—Instead of the usual prayer meeting, there will be a meeting under the auspices of the Women's Missionary Society. An illustrated address will be given by Miss Martha Fesmire, a missionary to Tibet, who is now home on a furlough. The public is cordially invited.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held on Thursday, March 5, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 to be followed by the annual election of officers.

Next Friday evening—session meeting.

The Women's Bible Class is making great preparation for the meeting on Sunday evening, March 8, for which they have assumed responsibility. The speaker for that evening, Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill, the beloved author, has announced as her subject: "Separated Lives." A special feature of the meeting will be the singing by a large chorus of women.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Cletus A. Senft, Pastor.
The Second Sunday in Lent, March 1,

1931:

9:30 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—The morning service. Theme, "Paradise Lost."

6:45 P. M.—Luther League. The third Sunday in the membership-service contest.

7:45 P. M.—Community service in the Methodist Church with Rabbi Fineshriber.

Tuesday:

2:00 P. M.—Woman's Missionary Society at the home of Mrs. Seaboldt, 401 North Narberth Avenue.

8:00 P. M.—Council meeting.

Wednesday:

4:15 P. M.—Confirmation class.

Thursday:

7:00 P. M.—Pre-Confirmation class.

7:30 P. M.—Choir rehearsal.

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Mason 151 163 122

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Baptist Church of the Evangel

Robert E. Keighton, Minister.

Sunday, March 1:

9:45 A. M.—The Church School.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship and Communion. Sermon: "A Sermon About Sermons." The five hundredth sermon preached by the pastor in this pulpit. The observance of the Lord's Supper follows the sermon.

7:45 P. M.—Community service in the Methodist Church. Speaker, Rabbi William Fineshriber. See news item.

Tuesday, March 3:

10:30 A. M.—Meeting of the White Cross in the church.

8:00 P. M.—Meeting of the trustees in the pastor's study.

Wednesday, March 4:

8:00 P. M.—Prayer service. Topic: "The Mission of the Seventy."

Thursday, March 5:

8:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Forum at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Custer, 219 Avon Road.

Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. Samuel MacAdams, Minister.

Sunday, March 1:

9:45 A. M.—Sunday school.

11:00 A. M.—Morning worship. Holy Communion.

6:45 P. M.—Epworth League devotional meeting.

7:45 P. M.—Community service. Address by Rabbi Fineshriber.

Monday, March 2:

2:30 P. M.—Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the church parlor.

8:00 P. M.—Meeting of the official board.

Wednesday, March 4:

7:45 P. M.—Confirmation meeting.

8:00 P. M.—Midweek prayer service.

9:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Sunday School Board.

Friday, March 6:

4:00 P. M.—Meeting of the Home Guards.

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Music

The Curtis Symphony Orchestra gave a concert on Monday night in Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College. Emil Mlynarski conducted, assisted by Louis Byner as guest conductor. The soloists were Carmela Ippolito, violinist; Conrad Thibault, baritone, and Mildred Cable, soprano, all artist-students at the Curtis Institute of Music.

Harry Wilson, brilliant Wayne concert pianist, will be the soloist at the concert in the ballroom of the Bellevue-Stratford on March 10. This concert is under the auspices of the Philadelphia Music Club. A limited number of cards of admission are available to persons wishing to go and may be obtained by communicating with Mr. Wilson.

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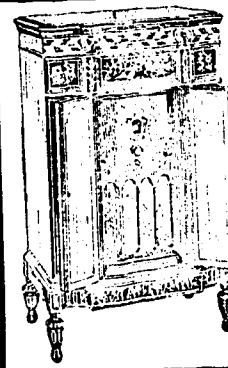
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Miss Muriel Wales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Wales, of Wynnewood, gave a dance on Friday evening. Among those present were Miss Margaret Patterson, Miss Bunny Cornman, Miss Jane Nash, Miss Betty Coleman, Miss Emily Titus, Miss Muriel White, Miss Betty Bartle, Miss Caroline Rivers, Miss Abby Lou Grauch, Miss Peggy Bailey, Mr. Bob Braid, Mr. Bill Hemsley, Mr. Ned Bartlett, Mr. Francis O'Connell, Mr. Harry Chandler, Mr. Howard Lodge, Mr. Hugh Speed, Jr., Mr. Charley Stanton, Mr. David Wright, Mr. Julian Keenan, Mr. Francis Goss, Mr. Joseph Leidy, Mr. Irvin Ball and Mr. Steve Hennessy.

Mrs. Emma B. Elder and Miss Elaine Elder, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Knapp, of Beechwood Lane, over the Washington's Birthday holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp also have as their guest for several days this week, Mrs. Beatrice Rogers, of Ridgewood, N. J.

Mrs. Knapp entertained at bridge on Wednesday, February 4.

Mrs. Robert D. Oakley, of Ridgewood, N. J., will arrive the week of March 9, and will spend two weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Knapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Clarke, of Chestnut Avenue, spent the Washington Birthday holidays at Cape May Court House, N. J.

Mrs. Clarence Woolmington, of Narbrook Park, is giving a dinner on Saturday in honor of the birthday of her mother, Mrs. John H. Parker, of Norristown, and in honor of Mrs. William O. Morton, of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strong, and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlop, of Westfield, N. J., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. Parker Miller, of Dudley Avenue, last week-end.

Mrs. Charles Young, of Beechwood Lane, gave a luncheon, followed by bridge, on Saturday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Clara Pinckney, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fehr, of Essex Avenue, are spending two weeks in Chicago, Ill., and Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Berta, of Iona Avenue, are spending two weeks in Miami, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Aljoe, of Elizabeth, N. J., were the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ronald Paige, of Dudley Avenue, last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. James Tilbury have recently moved from their home on Valley View Road, Merion, and are now living at the Barrie Apartments on Price Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Speakman and their son and daughter, Mr. Edwin Speakman and Miss Mary Speakman, spent last week-end in Gratz, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hartel and their daughter, Miss Helen Hartel, of Avon Road, spent the Washington's Birthday holidays in New York.

Mrs. E. E. Anderson and her daughter, Miss Mary F. Anderson, of Anthwyn Road, left on Thursday for a month's stay in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Miss Ann Speed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Speed, of Chestnut Avenue, will spend the week-end in Annapolis, Md., where she will attend the Naval Hop on Saturday evening at the Academy.

Miss Evelyn Jefferis, of Dudley Avenue, entertained Miss Ethel Alt-house, of Reading, her classmate at the Coomb's School of Music, over the Washington's Birthday holidays.

Mrs. Samuel E. Jefferis and her daughter, Miss Evelyn, spent last Wednesday in Mercersville, N. J., where they attended a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, who have recently returned from their wedding trip. Mrs. Jones is the niece of Mrs. Jefferis and, prior to her marriage, was Miss Betty Van Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond D. Kennedy, of Beechwood Lane, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Sarah Bartley Kennedy, on Sunday, February 15. Mrs. Ken-

Traveling Abroad



—Photo by Bachrach.

MISS BETTY KREMER WILLIAMS daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Bala, who, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Williams, is now traveling in Egypt. Mrs. Williams and Miss Williams expect to return about the middle of April.

nedy was formerly Miss Elizabeth Skinner, of Chambersburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. James McKee Robertson, of Bala, entertained Dr. R. C. Mears and Miss Myrtle Eddowes, of Ambler, at dinner and bridge last Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were the guests at a Washington's Birthday party given by Mrs. L. R. Manchester, of Norristown, in honor of her husband's birthday on Saturday night.

Mr. Robert Clarke, of San Francisco, was the guest of his cousin, Mrs. William C. Claghorn, of Chestnut Avenue, over the week-end.

Mrs. Lawrence R. Davis, of Avon Road, gave a party on Saturday afternoon in honor of the eighth birthday of her daughter, Jane Davis. Among the guests were Carolyn Shaw, Patsy Hutchinson, Patricia Bickford, Ann Bickford, Ann Dillon, Dorothy Dolan, Peggy Edens, Carolyn West, Peggy Greenwell, Jean Lamorell, Marion Miller and Kitty Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Digby, of the Berkley Apartments, spent last week-end in Pittsburgh. Their daughter, Miss Mary Digby, has just returned from a two weeks' trip to St. Petersburg, Miami, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Eleanor Michaelson, a member of the Sophomore class at Hood College, Frederick, Md., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Michaelson, of Haverford Avenue, was recently elected treasurer of the Athletic Association of Hood. Miss Michaelson is president of her class, a member of the Home Economics Club and of the Marionette Dramatic Society, and has played on both the varsity hockey and baseball teams.

Mrs. Garth Boericke, of Merion, entertained at a luncheon followed by bridge on Thursday.

Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller, Mrs. Lloyd Edgerton, Mrs. R. G. Bennett, Mrs. R. J. Dothard, Mrs. E. C. Town, Mrs. E. H. Cockrill and Mrs. Garth Boericke attended the fourth of a series of card parties which was given at the Hannah Penn House by the Republican Women of Pennsylvania on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Herbert B. Sewell and Mrs. Harry D. Phillips, of Baltimore, are visiting their sister, Mrs. Herbert P. Price, of Anthwyn Road, Merion, for two weeks.

Mrs. Price and her daughter, Miss Doris E. Price, have just returned from a visit with Mrs. George H. Elmer, of Baltimore.

Mr. Bud Compton, son of Mr. and

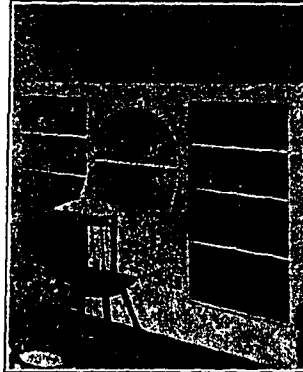
Mrs. A. G. Compton, of Woodbine Avenue, spent the week-end as the guest of Byron Morton, formerly of Narberth, at Honeybrook, Pa.

Miss Irene Young, of Woodbine Avenue, spent the week-end in New York.

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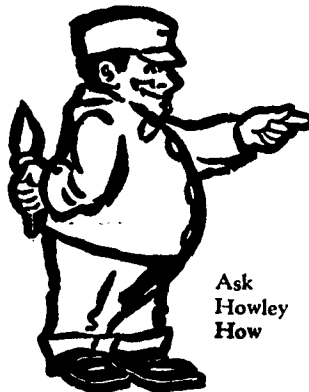
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The Romantic Marriage of the John Taylors; And the Way in Which a Poem Was Written

By GEORGE MORGAN

One often runs upon good stories of local celebrities; and it is a fact that such tales continue to crop up long after the subjects have drifted back into a half-forgotten generation. In reading Gilbert Cope's notes, the other day, the writer found a romantic bit, bearing upon the Bayard Taylor family. The story is not about the poet himself, but about a Taylor of the same stock, Abraham's son, John, who, in his youth, learned the trade of stone-masonry. When a young man, back in 1790, John went from these parts over into Lancaster County, where he dwelt in the house of a well-to-do Swiss settler, Christian Bucher, while helping that worthy to build two stone barns and a still-house.

A girl in the case? Of course—very naturally. Her name was Anne; and she was both good-looking and good; which isn't always the case, we are told. Having fallen in love with Anne, John surprised Christian by asking for her in marriage. Christian saw all the unsuitability of the match and nothing else; at least, he thought he saw it; and sent John packing. But somebody else went packing, too. One morning Anne was not downstairs for breakfast; so Christian called out to her mother: "Wo ischt die, Anne?" She wasn't in her room; her saddle was not on the stairway peg, where it usually hung; her favorite horse was not in the stall. "Wo ischt die, Anne?" could have but one answer—gone with John, the Chester County mason.

We are told that as John and Anne were married by a Lutheran minister, John's fellow-Quakers put him out of meeting; but he was not the first, nor perhaps, the ten thousandth, young Quaker to be disowned.

The John Taylors got along very well; the Buchers became reconciled; and perhaps the very Main Line "you" who are reading this may be one of the descendants of the hero and heroine.

Tales of Another Poet.

There are plenty of Bayard Taylor

tales; and not a few appertaining to another poet, T. Buchanan Read, who was born in the "bluehills of Uwchhan," not far from Downingtown, and who died at the Astor House in New York when only 52, May 11, 1872. He had in him the divine afflatus, and is bound to be remembered many times 52 years. Here is a faded clipping from a Chester County paper in which appeared some reminiscences of the poet. One of the incidents described is good enough to go into anybody's scrap-book. It tells how T. Buchanan came to write "Sheridan's Ride." Read, it will be remembered, was artist and sculptor as well as author. One of his favorite haunts was Cincinnati, where lived his sister, wife of Cyrus Garrett. According to Walter E. Dengler, "Sheridan's Ride" was written at the home of the Garretts on November 1, 1864. Before breakfast, that morning, Garrett went out and brought a copy of Harper's Weekly, which contained Tom Nast's bold drawing entitled "Sheridan's Ride to the Front." "Buck," said Garrett, addressing his brother-in-law, "there is a poem in that picture!" Read replied: "Do you suppose I can write a poem to order—just as you would go to Sprague's and order a coat?"

Professor Murdock was sitting nearby. He was to be honored at the Academy of Music that same evening. He was to be the recipient of a public gift at the hands of no less a person than Gen. Joe Hooker. Murdock smiled at Read's remark. Later Read said to his wife: "Hattie, don't let me be interrupted. I am not to be called, even if the house is afire." He went to his room. About noon, he handed his wife a poem to copy. It was "Sheridan's Ride"—"up from the South at break of day," as strong and spirited as the neighing of a stallion, as onomatopoeic as the rolling of thunder or a cannonade. That night Murdock read it in the Academy of Music, as only Murdock could read.

Records of Old St. David's Disclose Anecdote of Revolution Which Matches Virginia Episode

One of our prize stories of the patriotic kind tells how, after appearing in what seemed to be his clerical garb in his Valley of Virginia pulpit, the parson, at a dramatic moment, threw off his cloak and disclosed himself as a soldier ready to enter the fray in behalf of American freedom. It was General Muhlenberg whose example was an inspiration and whose subsequent services proved him to be a sterling aid in the cause of liberty. Such stories get into our books and stir the imagination of our school children, age after age.

It is not so well known that there is a very good mate for this episode right here in this locality; in fact, it is to be found in the records of St. David's, at Radnor. One comes across it between the faded brown covers of a pamphlet that was printed anonymously before the Centennial celebration of 1876, and a copy of which is listed at the Pennsylvania Historical Society. Here it is:

"During the Revolution Radnor Church was rarely opened for divine worship. A curious anecdote is, however, told of a Baptist preacher named David Jones (then in charge of the Great Valley Baptist Church, in Chester County) who officiated here on one occasion shortly after Mr. Currie's withdrawal. (He was the Rev. William Currie.) After finishing the introductory formalities, old Davy Jones climbed into the lofty pulpit, and, having announced his text, glanced around to assure himself of the attention of his audience. That one glance, however, completely disconcerted the worthy old gentleman.

"He saw, seated before him, several

young and active men, previously hidden from so close a scrutiny by the high-backed pews.

"In an instant, patriotism had so completely mastered him that he threw away his sermon, and, shaking a finger vehemently at the astonished youths, demanded to know why they didn't go into the American army and fight the British.

"I'm not afraid to go," he shouted; "they can't hurt me! They may kill me if they like and make a drum-head of my old hide, but they'll play hummy-drum, hummy-drum-drum-drum till the British are scared out of the country!" "Then, in wild excitement, he threw off a heavy cloak which hung around his shoulders and displayed an American uniform."

History does not unfold the sequel as to whether the young men were driven from the easy pews of Radnor to the hardships of Continental campaigning, but History does unfold the sequel of success that rewarded the zealous activity and unquenchable spirit of such men as the good old Welsh parson with an heroic carcass well wrapped in drum hide.

Cadets Will Dance

The officers and cadets of the Valley Forge Military Academy have issued invitations for the Colonial Ball at the Academy in Wayne, for tomorrow evening, at nine o'clock.

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A Business Man's View of Our Park Problem

William J. Serrill Explains the Need for Immediate Action in Preserving Our Beauty Spots and the Methods of Acquiring Park Land

The following article is an address delivered by Mr. Serrill, the President of the Community Health and Civic Association at the annual meeting of that organization on Monday, February 16. Mr. Serrill, a member of the technical advisory committee of the Regional Planning Federation of the Philadelphia Tri-State District, resides in Haverford.



WILLIAM J. SERRILL

The Regional Planning Federation of the Philadelphia Tri-State District, in planning future regional developments, has naturally included Parks and Parkways. This address is devoted to a discussion of what parks and parkways are like, and of the various means of their realization. While there is a general appreciation of their desirability, and even necessity in city and suburban planning, there is wide-spread uncertainty as to details, and doubt as to how they shall be secured and paid for.

HEALTH AND RECREATION

Broadly speaking, the underlying purposes in establishing parks are two: namely, health and recreation on the one hand, and conservation on the other. The first purpose is mainly embodied in parks, attractive areas of mixed woodland and open country, suitable for rest and recreation, outings and picnics, frequently, but not necessarily equipped as recreation centers, with outdoor sports, tennis, swimming pools, children's playgrounds and wading pools, etc. A park may be merely an attractive piece of country maintained for all time free from spoliation for the use of the people, with little or no facilities for outdoor sports; or, on the other hand, it may be purely a recreation center, equipped for sports, with a swimming pool as a central attraction, and of no larger area than may be required for these purposes, including an adequate parking field for motors. Of course, the two may be in combination. Other parks may be equipped as golf courses. The type of park in any locality should depend upon the character of the community, the density of the population, its probable future development, the type and size of the dwelling houses, etc. No one would think of locating a recreation center, calculated to attract large crowds, in a district composed of fine country estates, while it would be most appropriate and useful if placed near a town, and surrounded by dwellings of the working classes. For example, in Lower Merion Township, a recreation center located in the neighborhood of South Ardmore, within easy reach of everyone residing in Ardmore and vicinity, and also of those living in West Philadelphia, would be judiciously placed. Another splendid location would be on the bank of the Schuylkill River, near the mouth of Mill Creek. Such an improvement would enable the Township to clean up a spot of great natural beauty which has long borne an unsavory reputation, and at the same time to open up this part of the Schuylkill to pleasure boating and canoeing, a sport entirely neglected by the Main Line territory in spite of the proximity of this lovely water course.

CONSERVATION OF BEAUTY SPOTS

The second purpose, that of conservation, is based on the desire to preserve for the benefit of future generations, untouched by the axe and unvisited by the mason and the carpenter, certain beautiful pieces of still unspoiled landscape, so located that, unless protected by public ownership, their natural beauty is liable to be destroyed by the irresistible pressure of growing population. This purpose is attained in some cases by the establishment of parks, but to a large extent, by the laying-out of parkways. The latter are pleasure driveways, generally but not always, following the windings of creeks or streams. The idea is to preserve in its natural beauty the valley of the stream, including both slopes from hilltop to hilltop, and at the same time to cater to a principal outdoor source of pleasure and recreation, that of motor riding. These parkway drives, depending on the traffic requirements, may be main thoroughfares, providing needed additional facilities for access by motor to, from or around the city, or they may wind through secluded valleys, leading no-

where, visited only by those motorists who love the country and seek a temporary escape from the cares and worries of life.

STREAM VALLEYS A GREAT ASSET

An examination of the maps prepared by the Regional Planning Federation reveals that these pleasure driveways in the valleys of streams have been liberally provided in the Federation's plans. Indeed, the first thought of anyone whose attention is directed to this subject is toward the preservation of these valleys. One is naturally indignant at the thought of the spoliation, by the march of so-called "improvements," of valleys such as that of Mill Creek in Montgomery County, of Crum Creek in Delaware County, or of the Rancocas Creek in New Jersey. And yet experience shows that, unless protected by some power impregnable to the growing pressure of land values, and the wiles of the realtor, the natural beauty of these valleys is bound to succumb. For example, the district now occupied by West Philadelphia was originally one of great natural beauty. At the present time, its streams have been turned into underground sewers, its valleys to a great extent graded into level stretches, its trees long ago converted into fire-wood, and the whole area covered with closely built dwellings. One trembles to realize that, by now, such would also have been the fate of the whole region now occupied by Fairmount Park, but for the wise foresight of our ancestors. The slopes of the valley of Wissahickon Creek would have been largely or entirely denuded of its trees and be serving as the back yards of dwellings located at the top, or it is possible that the creek itself would now be "buried alive," the valley partially leveled and entirely built on. An impressive warning for many an attractive suburb, which comforts itself with the fond belief that such changes can never reach it!

The Federation's plans for parkway drives, aiming for the greatest pleasure and convenience of those enjoying a motor ride, have designed these drives to form connected loops, so that the entire trip may be taken without leaving the parkway, and yet with no reversal of one's course over the same route. For instance, the drive planned in the valley of Darby Creek is thus extended from the source of that stream over to Valley Creek and thence to Valley Forge Park; and from the latter one may return to the city by the parkway drive planned along the hilltops of the Schuylkill Valley into Fairmount Park. Another instance of this type of park system may be seen in the present and projected development of the Camden County, N. J., park system where it is planned to connect existing units in Cooper River and later extend them into other valleys, eventually looping them back to the Delaware River.

COMBINATION OF ALL TYPES OF PARKS NEEDED

From what has been said, it may be seen that a community's needs constitute a combination of parks, recreation centers and parkways; the parks for the most part being interconnected by the parkways. I understand that the Regional Planning Federation will probably publish a pamphlet in which an attempt will be made to state somewhat definitely, in terms of the density of population, or of some other possible measure, the approximate area, compared with the total area of the community, which should be set aside for park purposes. This computation needs, of course, the expert judgment of trained planners, with which the Federation is well equipped. It should be realized that the published plans of the Federation cover mainly the larger features of the park plan, based on the idea of preserving in their natural beauty, the valleys of streams, and areas

of scenic value, and that, in addition to the parks so planned, there is probably need for each suburban community, especially those in close neighborhood to the city, to plan its own smaller parks and recreation centers. This should always be done in consultation with, and by the assistance and advice of, the Federation whose trained planners are, I understand, at all times freely available.

A complete park system, in such a district as that centering in Philadelphia, will naturally include, in addition to the suburban features already described, one, or possibly more, large tracts of forest or wild land, suitable for camping, stocked with game and traversed mainly by trails. These tracts will usually be found near the outer edge of the park system. The "pines" district of southern New Jersey is a good example, where extensive opportunities exist for forest park development together with conservation of water supply and timber. A complete system will, of course, also include a proper group of urban parks, these located within the city limits. Philadelphia, in spite of the long continued and valuable efforts of the City Parks Association, is unfortunately not adequately equipped at the present time. This question of urban park planning is a problem of its own and is not further considered in this address.

SECURE PARK LANDS NOW

Having now obtained a fair idea of what a park system in a suburban community is like, the way is open for some general considerations, which may serve to clear up certain doubts that may have arisen in the minds of my audience. A moment's thought will convince anyone that if parks and parkways are to be established, the land should be secured well in advance of suburban building. If woodland tracts are to be conserved, the trees must be saved from the axe and the saw; if a charming landscape is to retain its natural wild beauty, there must be no delay; the rising tide of suburban development will otherwise soon destroy it. Moreover, a practical advantage in securing needed areas well in advance of suburban growth is that, when so secured, land values are lower, and larger tracts may be purchased for the same outlay.

THE NEED FOR VISION

To a certain type of mind, it may seem fantastic to go "way off" in the country to spend public money for land for park purposes. But all experience demonstrates the wisdom of a far look ahead. An active imagination, a keen visualization of things to come, are the most valuable characteristics of the park planner; without vision his skill is as naught. Only realize the vision which actuated our forebears in securing Fairmount Park and the Wissahickon Valley! How far off in the country were these tracts at the time they were obtained, and set aside for the benefit of the public, by the city government! In the light of the vast changes in transportation facilities, the Valley Forge Park is, comparatively speaking, closer to Philadelphia today than the tract now occupied by Fairmount Park was at the time it was purchased. Because of its great natural beauty and wild character, the Valley Forge Park would have been well worth establishing, and not a foot too far off, quite independently of the sacred associations which attach to that hallowed ground and which led to its establishment. Washington's Crossing Park can be similarly justified—in fact, its intensive use for recreation more than proves the case for its expansion. The pleasure motor brings the whole countryside near to home; parks a good many miles away from present Philadelphia boundaries lose little of their usefulness and value. And think of the lovely bits of landscape, of the charming secluded creek valleys, loudly calling to

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DARBY CREEK VALLEY

Let's have it all the way like this

be preserved, which lie well within the Valley Forge distance!

From our present viewpoint, the vision exhibited by our forefathers in establishing Fairmount Park seems almost incredible. In those days the value of parks was little realized, the wonderful growth of the city could scarcely have been foreseen, the sense of the importance of sunshine, fresh air, country outing, outdoor sports had not even appeared above the horizon, and yet, in the face of such conditions, sufficient vision, active and practical, was functioning to secure the land for Fairmount Park, located in the remote country side! To the practical type of mind could anything have seemed more fantastic? It now remains to be seen whether we, with all the advantages arising out of the wonderful changes in public sentiment, and faced with what is being accomplished in suburban communities all over the country, will exhibit a courage at all equal to theirs. Our skill in forecasting the growth of population, in foreseeing the directions in which suburban expansion is likely to advance is now relatively great; we benefit by the advice of trained planners unknown to them; shall we fail to exhibit equal courage and vision?

ATTITUDE OF THE LANDOWNER

We think it may be taken for granted that a sentiment favorable to the establishment of parks in the suburbs and outer country is now generally existent in the community. But how about the owner of the land which is planned by the local government to be purchased and converted into a park or parkway? What should be his attitude, and how will his interests be affected? It is pretty safe to say that, in many cases, the owner, when the proposal is first presented to him will be opposed; his first reaction, based on a natural human conservatism, which hates a change, is fairly certain to be unfavorable. He will probably say something like this:

"The establishment of parks is undoubtedly a fine thing, and altogether in the public benefit, and I have been heartily in favor of the movement, but it is altogether another matter when they propose to take my land. My favorable sentiment is at once converted into alarm; I am not so sure that I favor this particular park project; in fact, I think I will oppose it."

Such will be the general reaction. However, it is safe to say that on further consideration, when the details of the proposition become known, and the terms and conditions of the purchase come to be clearly understood, most of this opposition on the part of the landowner will disappear.

I speak with this assurance because it is the usual policy of park boards in obtaining possession of land that is planned for park purposes to defer the purchase until, through change in ownership or other happening, the natural beauty of the land is threatened. So long as the owner maintains this property practically in park condition, the park board can afford to wait. The most it would ask would be an agreement with the owner, by which he guarantees that neither he nor his estate, or heirs, will destroy the natural beauty of this land. This agreement should also contain a clause giving the park board the first chance to purchase whenever a sale is contemplated. With such an agreement in hand the park board is assured of the ultimate possession of the land, and under such circumstances its wisest policy is to defer the purchase until such time as the land may come on the market, so as to avoid the outlay as long as possible. This business of securing parks and parkways thus becomes a slow process, sometimes continuing on for final comple-

tion even from generation to generation; it is a process of accretion—a step at a time. It is true that in the meantime the public is debarred from the use of this particular land as a park, but in passing by it may enjoy its beauty, and there will probably always be some park land available for the public's use, as in any community there will be some owners who are willing to sell their land at once, or some property so in immediate danger of being built on that the park board will wish to secure possession of it at once.

Now it is evident that, under these conditions, the land owner who lives on the property, a part of which is planned as a park or parkway, and who feels a sentimental attachment to it as his home, possibly as his ancestral home, need have no fear that his home will be disturbed or destroyed, or that any portion of his land will be taken from him against his will. Having executed the agreement mentioned above, he can rest easy, knowing that during the balance of his life, or of that of his son and even of his grandson, in case they should care, or be in a position to continue it as their residence, the ownership of his land will not be disturbed.

SENTIMENTAL ATTACHMENT TO THE LAND

It has been wisely said, I think by Doctor Johnson, that every man looks upon all men as mortal except himself. This blessed sentiment, that each one of us, knowing well that we must die, and seeing death continually occurring all around us, can live from day to day, and from year to year, without applying these obvious facts personally to our own case, planning and building as though we were destined to go on forever, this sentiment I say, is greatly augmented and strengthened by our attachment to the land on which we make our homes. Nothing so impresses the permanence of life and imparts a sense of its everlastingness as the ownership of land. This fact constitutes the main justification as a matter of public policy of our present institution of the private ownership of land. The ownership of land, by imparting in unusual degree this sense of permanence to life, makes good citizens and adds stability to government. Is it any wonder then that the land owner is nervous and touchy when approached about the sale of his land, or when he fears it may be forcibly taken away from him? He feels that this land is his for good; he more or less unconsciously believes, or hopes, that his family will stay in possession of it indefinitely; he shrinks from the attempt to visualize too definitely the future, or from the contemplation of what may happen after he is gone; he wants to be left undisturbed. Such feelings are very human and entirely natural. It is, however, no uncommon sight, after the owner of a large estate, of the type which might naturally include some land desirable for park purposes, has died, to witness the estate come into the market, and the realtor obtain possession. The family, for one reason or another, either does not care to, or is not able to, continue to live on the property; the sons have married and established their homes elsewhere, or they have gone into business in some other city; for anyone of a thousand reasons the estate is broken up, and the park board gets its chance. And the park board, itself a permanent body, can as we have seen well afford to wait; it knows that in the majority of cases it will not have to wait many years; and it knows that the land it wants will not disappear. "One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh, but the earth abideth forever."

In contemplating the situation of the land owner, some of whose property is desired, we should not

overlook the fact that he, the same as the rest of us, is a creature of public sentiment. When this sentiment in favor of the establishment of parks becomes strong and powerful, as it is bound to do, the land owner cannot escape its impact; when he sees a park board actually formed and functioning, when he sees parks, parkways and recreation centers actually established and witnesses their successful and beneficial operation, his initial opposition will weaken. Then, too, we should remember that much of the land forming the valleys of desirable streams is in open farming country; comparatively little of it forms part of the lawns of fine country residences, and even so, the slope of the valley is often so distant from the house that its segregation as part of a parkway constitutes no detriment to the beauty of the lawn. And the owner of farm land will generally not be averse to selling off the wooded valley.

PARKS INCREASE VALUE OF PROPERTY

Especially is this so when it becomes realized that the neighborhood of a park or parkway generally increases the value of property. This point is one about which a good deal of curiosity exists. It may be said with reasonable certainty that if good judgment be used in selecting the type of park in any locality, the effect on the value of adjoining land is bound to be beneficial. An owner who sells to the public for use as a parkway that portion of his land which forms part of a valley, in the long run experiences, as a result of this proximity to a park, with the accompanying certainty that this park land will remain forever wild and wooded, a rise in the price of his remaining land. The passing of motor traffic on a roadway in the valley in no way detracts from the desirability of the land at the top, adjoining the parkway boundary, for residence or any other purpose; the land which borders the Wissahickon parkway in Chestnut Hill is all the more desirable because of that contact.

Again, the neighborhood of any park, maintained as a piece of open or wooded country, and used only for the rest and quiet enjoyment by the public, has a good effect on the value of surrounding property; so also has the proximity to a golf course. The knowledge that such areas will always retain their open character affects sentiment favorably; one feels reasonably sure that a fine view from one's new residence will remain forever undisturbed. In a similar way, a park equipped as a recreation center, calculated to attract large crowds, has a good effect on the values of neighboring land, provided this park has been located with good judgment and the surrounding land is, or is to be, occupied by modest homes. A park of this kind, equipped and planted as beautifully and artistically as such a recreation center should be, is bound to exercise a refining and elevating influence on its whole neighborhood; no slum can continue to exist near it; the landlord will find that the rental value of his houses will increase.

From what has now been said it is apparent that the residents of a fine heavily wooded section, desirable for park purposes, instead of opposing any movement to include their section in a park should really support it; by so doing they can adopt no better course to ensure the permanency of their tenure of their land, and the indefinite continuance of their country-side in its present beautiful wooded condition.

RISE IN TIDE OF POPULATION

So long as the land remains in private ownership and each owner, or his estate, remains free to sell off his own property, the rising tide of population growth is bound to engulf the whole section. Consider a concrete case, that of the valley of Gulley Run, lying within the limits of the territory which the Penn Valley Association has taken under its protection. Here is a beautifully wooded, short valley, traversed by a brook and its parallel roadway, Bryn Mawr Avenue. It is, alas, very close to the Philadelphia boundary, and is a near neighbor to the rapidly growing towns of Narberth on one side and Cynwyd on the other. So situated, can any possible power short of governmental control save the denudation of this valley and of the still highly desirable area of mixed open and wooded country which borders on it? The very fact that the growth of dense suburban building has practically reached its boundaries demonstrates that such a "breathing space" is badly needed right at this spot. It is here now; no money need be spent in demolishing buildings, in removing eyesores, or in planting trees or shrubbery; nothing is needed but its preservation as it is in order to render it a blessing to the coming generations. And yet we are powerless to save it; the movement which forms our present theme is too young, no governmental machinery has been designed and made available for immediate operation; the valley of Gulley Run is doomed.

The fact that several handsome residences have been built, or are in course of building, on the slopes of this beautiful valley constitutes no legitimate objection to its conversion to a park. Such houses, when the present owners and their heirs are through with them, and they finally come under the ownership of the public, form really no detriment to the park; in fact they may be useful as museums, libraries, picture galleries, indoor play centers or as buildings needed in the maintenance of the park. Witness the Georgian residences, once the homes of the city's wealthiest citizens, located on the heights of the Schuylkill in Fairmount Park; long neglected, they have at last become a chief ornament and center of interest in the park. If the Valley of Gulley Run were to be parked today, so that

no further building could take place, the dwelling houses now there would be no source of embarrassment; but the addition of many more houses might render it unavailable. Our present situation with reference to this locality, and to others in the close neighborhood of the City, such as the valley of Cobbs Creek in Delaware County, is similar to that of a man whose house is on fire and he stands debating whether he should purchase a fire hose or lay in a stock of hand extinguishers.

MAKING RECREATIONAL CENTERS PAY

Let us now give some further consideration to parks as recreational centers; if properly equipped and handled they constitute a most important, a really indispensable, part of a park system. This is so because of the large, and rapidly increasing public demand for this kind of healthful and stimulating outdoor pleasure on the part of young people; and not only so, but predominately, because these recreation centers, by adopting the system of charging reasonable fees for the use of their facilities, can be made to earn a sufficient return partially, or even wholly, to pay for the cost of maintenance. This is no mean service; it vitally affects the financial problem; it renders possible, in some cases, the acquisition of desirable parks which otherwise could not well be financed. At first glance, this system of enacting charges may seem to run counter to a prevailing and wise sentiment that the government should not engage in business; but it is not so. The park board, in following this practice, is in no sense conducting a business for profit; there is no thought of profit, merely the recovery, as far as possible, of the cost of maintenance; and to this there can be no possible objection in principle. In fact, the practice is followed by park boards all over the country. In Westchester County, New York, the outstanding example of a successful park system, these returns, after a few years, increased sufficiently to pay for not only the annual maintenance charges, but also the interest and sinking fund charges on the bonds which had been issued for the acquisition and equipment of parks and parkways. On this basis, the whole park system may be acquired, equipped and maintained without increase in the tax rate. While it might be too much to hope that so ideal a possibility may be attained by any community within the confines of our Regional Planning Federation's survey, still an optimistic attitude, with reference to this point, is entirely justified. Initially, the funds for acquisition and equipment must be furnished out of the public treasury, but the chances of substantial ultimate recovery, in case the whole project is handled along wise and liberal lines, are good. This consideration surely constitutes an optimistic factor and must facilitate the growth of a favorable sentiment toward the establishment of park systems in our communities; because the question of how park systems are to be paid for is a principal problem on the part of those who are interested in the subject.

A question of interest concerns itself as to what class of facilities such charges are imposed on those who make use of them. To this it may be said that no park board would exact any charge for the use by the public of any park for purposes of rest, quiet enjoyment of country surroundings, escape from the heat and crowded conditions of the city, or for picnics, outings or recreation of such character; nor would any toll be charged on parkway drives. On the other hand, fees are usually charged for the use of swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses, and other games, and for automobile parking. Children's wading pools would probably be free, and free use of the swimming pools might be granted to children at certain hours. Admission to picture galleries, libraries, or museums, or to orchestra and band concerts would ordinarily be free, while a fee would be charged for admission to public dances. No fee would probably be exacted for beach bathing. Fees are ordinarily of very moderate or nominal size; all facilities must be available to the most modest purse.

OWNERSHIP OF AMUSEMENT PLACES

Sound reasons of policy may be given for the ownership and operation by the park board of such amusement places as Woodside Park in West Philadelphia, or Willow Grove Park, and for all public swimming pools and generally for pay-as-you-play golf courses, rather than to have such amusement facilities furnished by private owners and operated by them for profit. Several of these reasons are obvious and need not be detailed here; but one of them bears on a subject of such importance that it cannot with propriety be ignored. This is the fact that parks and recreation centers are established by the public authorities, not only to make available to the masses healthful and stimulating sport and outdoor enjoyment, but also (and this is the point we wish now to emphasize) to create and stimulate the growth of a sense of beauty in the masses. Herein lies a chief mission of this movement; and the proper accomplishment of this fundamentally important object can be achieved only by adopting beauty as a main basis of all the Park Board's plans and structures. Its buildings, pavilions, bath houses, music stands, etc., must represent the best of architectural skill; its swimming pools must rival in design, equipment and decoration the loveliest of those installed on private estates; its tennis courts, swimming pools, and other sport facilities must be surrounded by trees, shrubbery and flowers which display the finest efforts of the horticulturist and the gardener. High-class installation and equipment



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DEVELOPING BETTER CITIZENS

"Beauty pays" has been adopted as a motto by the Park Authorities of Westchester County; they have discovered that beautiful and high-class swimming pools, and the same qualities in facilities for other sports, attract larger crowds, and thus return a larger sum in fees. We admit that this constitutes a favorable argument for making these facilities attractive but we insist that the main argument lies in the elevating influence which such beauty exercises on all of those who make use of these facilities, and thus come into intimate and frequent contact with beautiful things; we know that beauty pays in a far more fundamental and significant sense than that connoted by the motto mentioned; it may pay the park board in increased earnings, but we are convinced that it pays the public, the community in a way that quite eclipses the other in importance; slowly, insensibly, subtly, the constant association with beautiful things refines the feelings and elevates the character, an effect which cannot be secured in any other way and which it is sound public policy to promote. The masses of young people from New York City who swarm to the beautiful swimming pools and beaches in Westchester County absorb by such association something of which they little dream, and which from all viewpoints is well worth while; not for nothing does the girl or the boy leave a humble home, in which much of beauty may be economically impossible, and by paying a modest fee, enter an enclosure such as only great wealth can create, and for a space, experience a sense of ownership and learn to feel perfectly at home, in surroundings where beauty reigns; he thinks only that he is having a good time and getting splendid exercise, he is really becoming a finer man and a better citizen.

It may now be seen why this constitutes a chief reason why public ownership and operation of such amusement places is more in the public interest than private ownership and operation; those who build and operate them must be actuated by a higher motive than commercial profit or they are bound to fall short of accomplishing their entire mission; only the public can afford to plan and build with an eye solely to the public benefit.

WHAT AUTHORITIES SHOULD CREATE PARKS

Having now, I hope, cleared up many doubts, the very interesting question remains as to what branch of the existing government shall undertake the establishment of parks. In the discussion so far I have assumed the existence of a park board; the question remains, what government shall create this park board and endow it with the authority that is needed to undertake and carry on its work? Ah! there's the rub! Who knows? It may be said at the outset that this phase of the subject is yet quite undeveloped, and that the time has now come for a solution; the subject is literally crying for the untangling of its perplexities. Therefore, while nothing like a definite solution can be here offered, a discussion of the subject is surely opportune; it may set many minds to work; a definite public opinion may gradually crystallize.

EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL SITUATION

Let us begin by contemplating the existing governmental situation. The territory included in the Regional Plan is under the governmental authority of three states, of eleven counties, and of some 400 local bodies, cities, boroughs, and townships (first, second and third class). Each of these governmental bodies is empowered, within limits, to levy taxes and thus raise the funds needed for its purposes. And it is an interesting and significant fact that practically all of these counties and local bodies are already endowed by the acts of the State Legislature which created them, with definite authority, within certain limitations, to secure land for parks and playgrounds, and to maintain and operate them. I say this fact is interesting and significant because it demonstrates that the legislators who framed these acts realized, even at that early date, the importance of parks and recognized their desirability. It should be said here, however, that, generally speaking, the limitations placed on the local governments—as to

the sums they may raise by taxation for park purposes, usually stated in terms of the permissible tax rate on the total assessed value of the property controlled by the local government, are fixed at too low a level to answer their needs in establishing such park systems as we now recognize as desirable. Doubtless, as the public sentiment in favor of such park systems becomes increasingly powerful, little difficulty will be experienced in having such tax limits raised.

Another salient feature of these various governmental bodies lies in their relations to each other; our scheme of government in this country is a graded one, the states are divided into counties and the latter into townships and cities; each government is empowered to lay taxes on the territory within its precinct; and we thus witness the phenomenon of the same land being independently taxed by at least three different governments—the state, the county, and the township. Within the limits set by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the state itself, the state legislature is supreme in the taxation field, while all the other governmental bodies within the state operate under the additional restrictions contained in the legislative acts which brought them into being. And these restrictions vary in character and tax limitations as between the different classes; townships of the first class are endowed with more power, in reference to the park question, than those of the second and third classes; and, still more significant, some of the local governments, controlling smaller areas, are clothed with higher powers than those of larger extent; this is true of townships of the first class as compared with the counties in which they are placed; it is true of cities and of boroughs in relation to the counties which contain them. And once more the question recurs, which one of these governmental classes or what combination of them should be the ones to undertake the financing and establishment of park systems?

It may pertinently be pointed out that our problem in this respect is much less simple than the one which confronted the park planners in Westchester County, New York, when they designed and established their wonderful park system. Their entire territory lay within the area of one county; this county, under the laws of the State of New York, already possessed more extensive powers—as to tax limits, bond issues, etc.—than do our counties in Pennsylvania; moreover, by virtue of influential aid, exerted on their behalf, in the state legislature at Albany, additional powers and freedom from former limitations were easily obtained; thus our difficulties in composing the conflicting interests, areas, and powers of different governments were successfully avoided.

A REGION-WIDE PROBLEM

In contemplating our problem, in light of the conditions which have been described, one is impressed with the distinctions between the different kinds of parks in our proposed system; a piece of park land, or a recreation center which may not consist of an area greater than, say, fifty to a hundred acres, might easily lie entirely within one township and might logically be established and maintained by the township government. On the other hand, a parkway, following the valley of a stream, and frequently extended so as to form a loop with the parkway in another valley, will generally pass through the territories of many governments; the planned parkway in the valley of Darby Creek will thus lie within the boundaries of Delaware and Chester Counties; and so far as townships are concerned, they will be quite numerous, in many cases the left bank of a section of the creek being in one township and the right bank in another; and some of these townships belong in the first class, and others in the second or third class.

A SUGGESTED SOLUTION

Now it seems evident that, just as such a parkway has been planned as one project, and is in fact throughout its whole length one park and not a series of connected parks, the purchase and establishment of it must be handled as a whole; some one governmental power, exercising authority over the whole length of the parkway, must handle its establishment; and even more, its continued maintenance. It is idle to suppose that each township might independently handle that small part of the parkway which lies within it; or even that each county might be expected to do the same with its larger part; by such methods we would surely never witness the completion of this desirable project, nor would there be any uniformity in the type of the driveway or in its maintenance. How then shall the desired end be reached? A possible solution, based on the system now in successful operation in New York State, but whether or not a practically feasible one for the State of Pennsylvania, is here suggested. State park commissions might be created by the legislature for the suburban areas of those cities in the State in which parks and playgrounds may be advisable. These commissions would be endowed with the authority to plan, secure, and maintain the needed parks, thus relieving the numerous local governments of this burden. In regions where there are park commissions now in existence, a mere enlargement of the scope of these commissions would be the natural development. Such a system would seem to ensure a highly desirable uniformity of maintenance and upkeep; also a better balanced park system, developed along more expert lines and with a more mature judgment than if existing neighboring

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local governments were to work independently.

It is a grave question whether the cost of establishing a park system in the suburbs of a city should be altogether borne by the suburban communities within which the parks are placed; while lying just outside the legal limits of the city and not directly subject to the city government, still such suburban communities are morally and sentimentally tied to the city with many bonds of common interest; they owe their very existence to the presence of the city and the umbilical cord has not been severed; they face with the city the same prosperity or adversity and the same future; who shall say that the city government should not contribute a substantial share of the expense of parks in the suburbs of the benefits of which their own citizens and young people will predominantly partake?

FINANCING PARK SYSTEMS

In establishing park systems such as we have described, everyone must face the fact that the project will have to be financed out of public funds. There is but little to disquiet us, however, in this fact. We live in an age and in a country which are increasingly responsive to the public good; we want, and are willing to pay for, facilities which will contribute a maximum of health and happiness to children and youth; never was the appreciation of the value of fresh air and sunshine, of outdoor bathing, recreation, and sport so keen as it is today; we experience no shadow of doubt as to the willingness of the taxpayer to shoulder the comparatively slight burden which the acquisition of these parks will involve. We say comparatively slight because we see no reason to believe that it need ever be more; we have already seen how the park system may, to a certain extent, be made self supporting. Then too, the expense may partially be passed on to future generations by borrowing the money and issuing long-term bonds. We are aware

that there is a growing sentiment in the state and local governments that long-term bonds are not in the public interest; this is quite true when the money obtained by the bond issue is to be spent on structures which have a short life; public roads, when so financed, may be worn out, and need complete rebuilding long before the bonds have been repaid and retired. The situation is, however, altogether different in the acquisition of parks; here the bulk of the money is invested in real estate, the life of which continues indefinitely—from generation to generation—and there is no consideration of public policy to deny the sharing of such initial expense by future generations; indeed it would be distinctly unfair to burden the taxpayer of the present with the entire expense of projects of which the benefits will be partly, if not chiefly, shared by the taxpayer of the future. Twenty-year bonds are probably quite reasonable when they are issued to build roads; thirty-year bonds are stipulated by the School Code of Pennsylvania for the construction of school buildings; fifty-year bonds would seem to be none too long when issued to establish parks. Roads may be in need of very extensive repairs by the end of twenty years; school buildings certainly should last for thirty years, but by that time they may have become out-of-date, too small or badly placed; but parks are not subject to obsolescence or inadequacy; they are bound to increase in value with the passage of time; and the denser the growth of population around them the greater becomes the need for them; park bonds with terms of two, or even three, generations are based on grounds of substantial justice; and with long-term bonds the annual sinking fund charge against the tax rate is reduced, and the annual interest charge is a constantly decreasing burden.

IMMEDIATE BENEFITS POSSIBLE

It may seem to some that our proposal contains

too much of altruism to be practicable, that we are asking the present generation to finance a project which cannot be realized in their lifetime and consequently from which they can reap no benefit, and that it is too much to expect such a degree of sacrifice in favor of those yet unborn. In answer we may say, in addition to what has just been urged in regard to the financing of these projects, that there is no reason why parks and recreation centers, once the governmental machinery has been set up, may not be established and put in use within a few years; our own children may enjoy them. It is true that parkways, depending on the type of land ownership along their route, may be long delayed; but even here, there are probably desirable valleys of streams whose present owners may be glad to sell their land at once, and continuous parkway drives may thus be built. It is a mistake to think of park systems as something belonging only to the dim future.

In conclusion, by way of summary, I have shown that a well-balanced park system in the suburbs and outer country consists of a happy combination of parks, recreation centers and parkways; and also a very large tract of wild forest land. I hope that I have convinced my audience that such park systems are advisable, and a real necessity, as contributors to the public health and happiness, and to the elevation of the masses in refinement and appreciation of beautiful things. I have shown that their establishment is the only certain means of preserving in their natural condition many beautiful features of our landscape, and that no time is to be lost if some of those not far from the city are to be saved. I believe that I have demonstrated their practicability in the economic sense, and in their relation to land ownership and values. I will be happy if I have contributed anything to their ultimate realization.

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Sundays—Eastbound

Beginning Ardmore Station at 5.30 and every half hour until 12 noon, then 12.20 and every 20 minutes until 8 P. M., then 8.30 and every 30 minutes until 1.30.

THE FIRESIDE

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Mrs. Lester Collier, of Manor Road, Wynnewood, entertained at bridge last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Kraft, of Avon Road, had as their guests over the Washington Birthday holidays Mr. Kraft's mother and sister, Mrs. H. I. Kraft and Miss Agnes Kraft, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Walton M. Wentz, of Wayne Avenue, spent Washington's Birthday in Atlantic City. Mr. and Mrs. Wentz had as their guest this week Miss Sadie Senft, of York, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. MacColey, of Meeting House Lane, attended the military ball given by the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Camden on Friday evening.

Mrs. Frederick P. McCarthy, of Woodside Avenue, gave a surprise party in honor of her sons, Fred P. McCarthy, Jr., and Aloysius McCarthy, on Saturday, February 14. Among the guests were the Misses Edith Funk, Marie McGarry, Anna Marie Butler, Dolores Manion, Helen Palmer, Virginia Cabrey, Mary Emily Weiss, Harriet Heusler, Marie Meyer, Gertrude T. Manion, Katherine McGarry, Dorothy Cabrey, Jane McCartan, Helen Meyer, Mary Blake, Margaret Leahy, Messrs. Louis Clawges, Clinton Ross, Charles Quinn, Joseph Moore, Donald Amesbury, William C. Butler, Jr., John Brennan, Robert Wright, George Carr, Robert Gilroy, Charles Sexton and Robert Hood.

Master Billy Blackledge, of Homewood Avenue, left Bryn Mawr Hospital on Monday, February 16, and is now in the Children's Heart Hospital in Bala.

Miss Polly Palmquist, of Narbrook Park; Miss Dorothy Vanderbeck and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vanderbeck, of Cynwyd, spent Washington's Birthday in Atlantic City. Miss Palmquist attended a bridge on Monday evening given by Miss Janet Davis, of Paoli.

Miss Betty Swing, of Bryn Mawr, gave a small tea on Sunday afternoon. Among the guests were Miss Hope Burlingame, of Bryn Mawr; Mr. Morris Lee, of Swarthmore; Miss Polly Palmquist, of Narbrook Park, and Mr. William R. Dohard, of Wynnewood Road.

Miss Lillian Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baker, of Haverford Avenue, attended the Swarthmore Glee Club dance at Swarthmore on Friday evening.

The Alpha Beta Delta will give a dance at the Cynwyd Club this evening.

Miss Ann Mode, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mode, of Overbrook Hills-in-Merion, attended the Swarthmore Glee Club dance in Swarthmore on Friday evening.

The Misses Eleanor, Kathryn and Sarah Burgess, of Hampden Avenue, spent the week-end at the Hotel Flanders in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Bertie Anderson, of Dudley Avenue, is spending the winter in St. Petersburg, Florida.

The Phi Tau Delta Grand Chapter dance was held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Hotel Adelphia on Saturday evening. There were many representatives from the Phi Chapter present.

The Grand Chapter of the Phi Tau Delta held an initiation of three additional chapters at the Penn Athletic Club on Thursday which later was followed by a supper at the Adelphia.

Mrs. Oakie S. Cook, of Windsor Avenue, gave a buffet supper and surprise party in honor of her daughter, Miss Ruth Lee Cook, who has just returned from a five months' visit in Oak Park, Ill. Among the guests were Miss Honora Snyder, Miss Louise Boldenweck, Miss Eleanor Rowley, Miss Betty Cook, Miss Harriet Getty, Mrs. C. Edwin Anderson, Mr. Dick Scull, Mr. James Stevenson Jr., Mr. Robert Nelms, Mr. Reed Whitney, Mr. Joseph Hughes, Mr. C. Edwin Anderson and Mr. James R. Cook.

Mr. Aloysius Leonard, of 104 Forest Avenue, spent last week-end in Niagara Falls.

Narberth Girl Honored



MISS ELEANOR MICHAELSEN

a member of the Sophomore Class at Hood College, Frederick, Md., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Michaelsen, of Narberth, was recently elected treasurer of the Athletic Association of Hood. Miss Michaelsen is president of her class, a member of the Home Economics Club, and the Marionette Dramatic Society, and has played on both the varsity hockey and baseball teams.

Mr. J. A. Bailey and his daughter Miss Bessie Bailey, of Merion and Essex Avenues, have returned from their recent trip to Italy.

Mrs. Joseph D. Maguire, of 300 Grayling Avenue, and her sister, Mrs. Herbert Miles, of Philadelphia, were week-end guests of relatives in New York and Long Island.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Somers Newman of Tudor City, N. Y., formerly of Lantwyn Lane, Narberth, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Green, of Woodbine Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Green gave a supper dance at their home on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Mrs. James H. Egan, of Fisher's Road, Bryn Mawr, entertained at luncheon on Wednesday. Among the guests were Mrs. T. Somers Newman and Mrs. W. Russell Green.

Miss Molloy Flynn, of Swarthmore entertained Mr. and Mrs. T. Somers Newman, Mr. and Mrs. W. Russell Green and Mr. Frederick Heflinger, of Trenton, N. J., at the Marie Jeritza Recital at the Penn Athletic Club and later at supper on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Krout, of Essex Avenue, spent last week-end at the Chalfonte-Haddon Hall in Atlantic City.

L. M. High School Notes

Pennypacker Memorial

The gift of the classes of 1929, '30, '31, '32 was formally installed in the High School building during the past week. It is a bronze memorial to the late principal, Charles B. Pennypacker, and consists of an etching of him above one of his favorite bits of verse. It is hung in the front corridor and will remain a lasting tribute to him.

Play-Contest

The annual play-contest will be held in the High School auditorium on Friday, March 6, at 8:15 o'clock. It will consist of three interesting plays presented by senior, junior and sophomore casts. The plays will be judged and the winner awarded the dramatic plaque. Tickets may either be purchased at the door or from any High School student for fifty cents apiece. Everyone is cordially invited and a good time is assured.

Junior Class Meeting

The junior class held a class meeting on Wednesday, February 25. Conrad Wickham, president of the class, was in the chair. Plans for the junior-senior dance to be held on April 17 were presented by Howard T. Lodge, Jr., chairman of the Dance Committee, and were fully discussed. It was announced that the Drexel Blue Dragons will furnish the music, so the dance promises to be a success.

Edwin Moore, class treasurer,

brought up the subject of class dues and urged each member of the class to pay them promptly. Due to lack of time for further business, the meeting was adjourned.

M. L. to Be Represented at Military Academy Ball

The students from the Main Line attending the Valley Forge Military Academy, Wayne, and their parents who will take an active part in the Colonial Ball to be held at the Academy tomorrow evening, are:

Cadet Warren Lockwood, 34 Merion Avenue, Bryn Mawr, and mother, Mrs. James Lockwood; Cadet Marcellus Hepe, 112 Maple Avenue, Bala-Cynwyd, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hepe; Cadet Clement C. Dickerman, 64 Lodges Lane, Cynwyd, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickerman; Cadet Guy B. Wheeler, Devon, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wheeler; Cadet J. Wm. Barry, Merion Cricket Club, and father, Mr. Wm. P. Barry.

Cadet Wm. S. Chaney, 211 N. Bowman Avenue, Merion, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Chaney; Cadet James A. England, 202 Grayling Avenue, Narberth, and father, Mr. James England; Cadet Edwin J. Fittipoldi, 150 Merion Avenue, Narberth, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fittipoldi; Cadets Kenneth and Tom H. Nelson, Villa Nova, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Nelson; Cadet Robert P. Elmer, Wayne, and parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. P. Elmer.

Vacations in Ohio

Miss Oceana Mae Price, employed at the Horn and Hardart Baking Company retail shop, spent a vacation with her uncle, Mr. W. G. Yates, in Toledo, Ohio.

Discussion Predominates at Forum Meeting

The recent forum meeting held at the home of Mr. William Stout revealed a growing tendency on the part of the members to enjoy the freedom permitted them of discussing their personal religious problems. So marked was this interest that the leader, the Rev. Robert E. Keighton, was unable to cover the amount of material planned for the evening. However, it was felt by all that the time had been quite properly and profitably used.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Custer, 219 Avon Road. The discussion will continue upon the subject of the Galilean ministry of Jesus, with special reference to the parables and miracles.

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WANTED—Furnished house for summer. \$100 per month. Claghorne, 1524 Chestnut St., Phila. (o3-6)

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WINDOW CLEANING. Estimates given free. Orders promptly attended to. Ph. Narb. 2450-J. (o3-6)

DRESSMAKING and alterations or mending in your home or mine. Mrs. M. Redlich. Ph. Narb. 2365-W. (o3-6)

HAULING—Local and long distance. Service Express Co., Frank H. Seely, Jr., Prop. 5 Bala Ave., Cynwyd 877. (otf)

GOTTLIEB ESSLINGER, carpenter, jobbing, alterations, 122 Conway Ave. Call Narb. 3748-R. (o3-27-31)

DRESSMAKING — Elizabeth Pearson, 215 Dudley Ave., Narb. Ph. Narb. 2728. (otf)

PIANO tuning and repairing in your own town costs much less. Send postal. Q. Uberti, 317 Hampden Ave. (otf)

LAUNDRY work to take home, hamper or small wash. Nice sunny yard. Ph. Bryn Mawr 1748. (omb2-27)

For Sale

FOR SALE—Chickering upright piano, excellent condition. Write or phone Sunday morning. C. M. French, Hardie Apts., Bala. Phone Cynwyd 3114-M. (omb2-27)

WHITNEY BABY Couch, good condition; reasonable. Phone Narberth 3876-J. (ob)

BUY NOW! Fireplace wood, any lengths, reas. Wm. Foot. Ph. Cynwyd 984. (omb4-10)

Garages for Rent

GARAGE for rent, reasonable. 216 Forest Avenue. Phone Narberth 3711. (otf)

FOR RENT—Garage, 211 Hampden Avenue. Ph. Narb. 3479-J. (omb2-27)

Help Wanted

SALESLADY—Experienced in selling house furnishings. Reply by letter, giving age and experience. Box "M," care of The Main Liner, Ardmore. (omb2-20f)

Situations Wanted

GARDENING or work around place desired by young white man. References. 865 Martin Avenue, Bryn Mawr. (omb2-27f)

COLORLED MAN wishes work of any kind. Experienced chauffeur and butler. Best references. Phone William Miller, Bryn Mawr 1846. (omb2-27f)

COLORLED woman wishes part-time work of any kind. Best references. 511 Lancaster Pike, Haverford. (omb2-27f)

CHAUFFEURING or any kind of work. Experienced also in garden work. References. 865 Martin Avenue, Bryn Mawr, Pa. (omb2-27f)

HOUSEWORK by the day for Wed., Thurs., Sat. For references call Ardmore 2872 or Narberth 2366. Two years' experience. 3746 Warren Street, Phila. (omb2-27f)

HOUSEWORK, mending or sewing, by the day. Phone Cynwyd 1170-R. (omb2-20f)

CHAUFFEURING or truck driving by reliable young white man, capable around garden. Ref. Please write "J," care of "Our Town," Narb. (omb2-6)

CAPABLE middle-aged woman as companion or nurse to invalid or elderly person. Phone Cynwyd 3116. (omb2-13f)

WORK BY THE DAY—Laundry work, cleaning. Will cook and serve dinners. Good references. \$3 and carfare 814 Biddle St., Ardmore. Phone Narberth 2548-W. (omb2-20f)

LAUNDRESS, colored, wishes work for Tues. and Thurs. Best references. Phone Locust 7876. (omb2-20f)

MAN & WIFE desire position. Experienced gardener. Protestant. Can do any kind of work. Phone Ardmore 503-J. (omb2-20f)

WOMAN, colored, desires to do cleaning or washing, or work by week. Good references from Narb. people. Call Narb. 2767. (omb2-20)

WANTED—General housework. Sleep out. Good references. Phone Ardmore 3244. (omb2-13f)

EXCELLENT cook wishes position in small family. Best references. Call Ardmore 3244 any time on Wednesday. (omb2-13f)

YOUNG colored man desires position as cook or butler or both in small family. Ph. Bryn Mawr 1915-J. (omb2-13f)

EXPERIENCED seamstress wishes work by the day, willing to care for children or invalids day or evening. Best references. Phone Hilltop 966-M. (omb2-13f)

RELIABLE woman wishes light housework in small adult family, sleep in; good home more desired than wages. Miss Leach, 117 Woodside Ave., Narb. (omb2-6)

RELIABLE colored woman wishes day's work and laundry work. Refs. Phone Ardmore 3244. (omb2-6f)

EXPERIENCED man wishes position as chauffeur in private family; expert mechanic. Best references. Ph. Bryn Mawr 2045-J. (omb1-30f)

WANTED—Position as chauffeur and gardener. Apply 1050 Markee Terrace, Bryn Mawr. (omb1-30f)

WANTED—Position as cook or second girl's work or general housework. Phone Bryn Mawr 1388. (omb1-30f)

YOUNG colored girl wishes general housework, plain cooking, caring for children. Refs. Ph. Bryn Mawr 596-M. (omb1-30f)

HOUSEWORK or any kind of work for Wed., Thurs. and Sat. Two years' references. Ph. Ard. 2872. (omb1-30f)

RELIABLE colored girl wishes general housework or chamber work. Excellent references. Ph. Ardmore 1081. (omb1-30f)

HOUSEKEEPER—Lady desires position managing private home or apartment house. Thoroughly experienced. Highest references. Ph. Narb. 2330. (omb1-30f)

WOMAN wishes day's work or laundry work. Best references. Ph. Berwyn 469. (omb1-30f)

CONSTRUCTIVE criticism — of Narberth and of its community paper — is appreciated.

The New Election Code

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shall report all removals. Other means which may be used to keep the lists clean are: mailing notices, which, if returned by the post office, shall be investigated and by canvassing by inspectors or by the police. It should be noted also that petitions to strike off names from the registration may be made up to five days before each primary or election. Furthermore removal notices will be available for registered voters. Upon receipt of such signed notices of removal, the signature will be compared with the original registration affidavit and, if authentic, the registration will be transferred to the new district.

A very important safeguard is that on election day each voter will be required to sign his name to a voter's certificate in the form of a card for the purpose of identification and comparison with his signature on the registration record. These voters' certificates signed by the voters are placed in a binder by the election officers and take the place of the present list of voters and will be retained by the county board as a permanent record, not only of the voting list but of the signature of the voters—an invaluable aid to investigations into alleged fraud.

The present law providing for a place for parties on the primary ballot is changed so that for a party to have a place on a Statewide ballot it must have polled ten per cent. of the total vote cast in the preceding general Statewide election. To obtain a place on a county or municipal ballot the party must have polled fifteen per cent. of the total vote cast in the preceding county or municipal election.

The code strikes at the Assistance-to-Voters evil by providing that assistance will be permitted only in cases of physical disability where the voter has declared his need for assistance to the registrar. An exception is made when it is sworn that the disability was incurred within ten days of date of election. Furthermore voters requiring assistance are to be assisted only by members of their families or households in which they reside or by two election officers, one being of the minority party.

An especially interesting feature of the code, which supplements the present law providing for opening ballot boxes and for contests, makes it possible for candidates under allegations of error to call for a recount of the vote and to have the returns promptly corrected. The code provides that any candidate or group of candidates may, not later than ten days after the completion of the computation of the returns, petition the County Board of Elections for a recount in one or more districts, depositing \$10.00 cash or a \$25.00 bond for each district. Opposing candidates will have the same right during the progress of the recount. If the results of the vote are changed by the recount, the deposit is returned.

The code aims to prevent chain voting by providing that a number shall be printed in the upper right-hand corner of the back of each ballot which shall be separated from the rest of the ballot by a triangular perforation. As this number corresponds with the number appearing on the stub of the ballot it will be possible to make certain that the ballot deposited by the voter in the ballot box is the same which he received from the election officer. To preserve the secrecy of the ballot the number is torn off just before the ballot is deposited.

The code provides for the elimination of the names of Presidential electors from the ballot and to provide that the names of the candidates of party for President and Vice President shall be placed upon the ballot or voting machine under the title "Presidential Electors" in the same manner as candidates for other offices are placed upon the ballot or voting machine. The amendment provides that each vote cast for the candidates for President and Vice President of a party shall be counted as one vote for each candidate for Presidential elector of such party.

The time for closing the polls is changed from seven P. M. to nine P. M.

In the penalty section, jail sentences for convictions of the more serious

violations of the law will be mandatory. Those convicted and thereby disfranchised for four years will be "publicly disgraced" by the sentencing judge. The latter, in open court, and in the presence of the defendant, will remove his name from the roll of voters.

To provide for a direct check on the conduct of elections by division or district election boards the county board of elections shall appoint a district auditor at not less than \$10.00 a day for every district in which voting machines are used and may appoint such a representative for any other district, either at the option of the board or upon petition of voters. The district auditor attends all proceedings in the district polling place on primary or election day, is representative of the county board, acts as an observer, audits the count of the vote, and makes a written report to the county board of all circumstances connected with the election. As both a check on the results and as a means of providing prompt and accurate return of the vote the district auditor will telephone the results of the election in the district to the county board as soon as the count is completed. The auditor may be a resident of any part of the county.

In addition to incorporating the present voting machine law in the code, the Secretary of the Commonwealth is given the power to re-examine voting machines previously authorized for use in the State to determine whether they shall continue to be authorized for use. The Secretary of the Commonwealth is also empowered to enter into contracts for the supplying of voting machines to any county or community which has voted for them and in behalf of such units if there has been a failure on the part of the county authorities to enter into a contract providing for delivery of the machines for use at the first primary occurring after the expiration of one year of the date of authorization by the people. The lock-out requirement is modified so as not to require lock-outs where the movement of the mechanism does not affect the count of the vote for any candidate. The lock-out, as between parties in primary elections and as between candidates is retained. In short, the law is modified so as to eliminate the requirement for useless lock-outs.

The code prohibits political activity by appointed public officeholders in cities and counties of the first class. This has the effect of extending the City Charter provisions in Philadelphia to the county offices in Philadelphia county.

Officeholders appointed by the State and county governments are prohibited from soliciting and making political contributions. The code provides that watchers shall not be paid and that no officeholder, State, city or county, may serve as a watcher.

Messengers are limited to no more than three for each authorized headquarters. Under the present law there is no limit to the number of messengers who may be paid.

The Corrupt Practices law is strengthened by stipulating that no political committee will be permitted to expend funds for any candidate in a primary unless authorized by the candidate in writing. This stipulation applies also to independent committees at the general election. It does not apply to regular party committees whose duty it is to elect a party ticket in the general elections. Contributions shall be in money and paid by check and must be made by contributors in their own name. Contributions by corporations to candidates or party committees are prohibited directly or indirectly under penalty of forfeiture of the corporation's charter.

The Secretary of the Commonwealth is empowered to audit the expense accounts of candidates or committees in Statewide elections. County boards of elections have the same power in county or municipal elections.

Board Meets Monday

The Executive Board of the Lower Merion-Narberth Council of Republican Women will hold a meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. H. Tattall Brown, Jr., 1 College Avenue, Haverford, on Monday.



By Robert J. Edgar

It has been said that the requirements for a successful gardener are a vivid imagination, a lot of faith, much confidence, an abundance of patience and a real love of green, growing things. A love of nature and an appreciation of the beautiful is another way to express it. To this may be added the means to gratify garden desires or a willingness to make sacrifices, sufficient energy to watch the garden diligently and understandingly—and to see that it is tended faithfully.

To those who have these qualifications, in a greater or lesser degree, we will try to suggest ways and means of improving the garden and keep the gardener posted in advance as to what the seasons may be expected to bring forth.

Trees, shrubs, evergreens and lawns make the background and foreground for the garden; in fact, some gardens are made with little else. The garden we have in mind is colorful throughout the season and contains perennial plants, hardy bulbs, tender bulbs, roses, vines and annual flowers. Perhaps a garden pool is included and then a rock garden and wild flower garden.

At this season we are concerned with the annuals from seed, particularly with those that are to be started early in a sunny window, an enclosed porch or in a greenhouse. These are slow to mature and as we want them to flower for a long season we have on hand by early March the seeds of Petunias, Snapdragons, Verbenas, Stocks, Ageratum and Lobelia. Scarlet Sage is little used, is hard to germinate and may be omitted. Asters are about as well started in a cold frame in April or in the open ground in May as we want them for September and October. Pansies sown in spring will not flower until fall; the better time to sow them is in August, to be carried over in a cold frame for flowering in early spring.

For ordering now, to be sown out when the ground is warm, we may select California Giant Zinnias, Pompon Zinnias, Tall African Marigolds, Calendulas or Pot Marigolds, Annual Larkspur, Shirley Poppies, Double Blue Cornflower, Early Cosmos, Late Cosmos, Annual Gaillardias, Tall Annual Phlox and Annual Scabiosa or Pincushion Flower. Of course, we have included Petunias, Snapdragons, Stocks and Verbenas for starting early indoors.

Annual edging plants may be selected from Allysium, Ageratum, Candytuft, Portulaca, Dwarf Phlox, Mexican Zinnias and Lobelia. The Ageratum and Lobelia should be started early indoors in March. The other edgings may be sown in early May, where they are to flower.

Second choice annuals, not quite so easy and certain as the first choice, would include Blue Lace Flower (*Didiscus Coerulea*), to be started early indoors, and the following to be sown in the open ground—*Arctotis*, *Balsam*, *Calliopsis*, *Celosia*, *Centaurea Imperialis*, *Clarkia*, *Annual Dianthus*, *Escholtzia*, *Four o'Clocks*, *Annual Lupins*, *Mignonette*, *Annual Gypsophila*, *Nasturtiums*, *Nicotiana* and *Nigella*.

While seeds of most perennials and biennials are better sown in cold frames in summer or fall they may be started indoors in March along with the annuals. Delphiniums sown in March should flower in early fall if carefully handled. Columbines may also be started at the same time for next spring flowering.

This is one time in the year when the warning "Keep Off the Grass" should be heeded. Soft sod over frozen ground is easily skidded off and will probably leave a bare spot.

The Philadelphia Flower Show, March 16 to March 21, deserves an evening or an afternoon. This year it promises to be better than ever with more space, more gardens and more exhibitors.

March is a good month for spraying shade trees and fruit trees for scale insects. Ash, Oak, Sycamore, Tulip Poplar and Hawthorns are most often attacked. Lilacs, Climbing Roses and Shrub Roses should also be inspected. Spray oil, known as miscible oil because it breaks up finely when agitated in water, is best for most deciduous trees and shrubs (those that drop their leaves in winter). The proportion is one part oil to fifteen parts of water; twigs, branches and trunks should be thoroughly covered with a fine, misty spray. Sugar Maple trees are exceptions; they will not stand oil and for these we use lime-sulphur solution. For orchard trees either oil or lime-sulphur may be used.

If in doubt as to the proper care of your trees better call the tree expert as trees are precious possessions.

Maroon Five Finds Upper Darby Tough

Whole Team Breaks Into Scoring Column in 33-to-22 Victory.

15TH STRAIGHT WIN

By defeating Upper Darby High School in a hard battle in the Junior High gymnasium last Friday night, 33-22, Lower Merion clinched its third consecutive Suburban League title. It was the fifteenth straight win for the Maroon.

Lower Merion had quite a bit of trouble disposing of Upper Darby and every man on the team knew he had been in a ball game. The Maroon led at half time, 22 to 10, and then during the last half matched the men of Goas point for point.

Jim Turner, captain of the local five, played a strong, aggressive game at center, and Jim Bradford played a marvelous game at guard. Between the two of them, Lower Merion has a powerful defensive and offensive combination. Upper Darby centered its defense against Johnny Pennypacker and his running mate, Johnny Eaton. They held these two boys to twelve points, but then the true strength of Anderson's team showed itself. The guards, Bradford and Wynn, stepped into the offensive picture and scored fourteen points for the edification of the crowd and the visiting brethren from Delaware County. Turner also scored seven points. It's possible to cover one or two of Bill's boys, but it seems impossible to bottle up the entire five at once.

Williams and Evans were the best players for Lew Goas, but the entire visiting team played good ball, and there was little to choose between them for fine play. The team meets Radnor next Thursday night in the postponed game, at Wayne.

L. M. Swimmers Win Individual Championship

The inter-suburban swimming meet, held in the West Philadelphia Y. M. C. A. pool on Saturday, February 21, gave to Lower Merion individual honors in Suburban Philadelphia swimming. The contestants of the meet were Upper Darby, Haverford, Radnor and Lower Merion. Although Lower Merion was defeated by Upper Darby by a score of 33-32 earlier in the season, its victory on Saturday was by a greater score. The standing of the teams was: Lower Merion, 34; Upper Darby, 24; Haverford, 15; Radnor, 0. Through the individual work of James Donnelly, captain; Douglas Robertson and Phil Pitcher, and the combined efforts of the whole team, Coach Cranmer's boys showed up in an exceptionally fine manner.

Speaks at Social Conference

Kenneth L. M. Pray, of Narberth, director of the Pennsylvania School for Social and Health Work, was the principal speaker at the dinner of the Pennsylvania Conference on Social Welfare held at Reading, Pa., on Wednesday evening.

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Have doors adjusted.
Have windows tightened.
Have carpets beaten and cleaned.
Attend to plumbing jobs.
Attend to papering and calceining.
Catalog the library.
Mend library books.
Have mattresses mended or remade.
Inventory household goods.

Clean garage.
Polish brass-work and silverware.
Repair awnings.
Upholster furniture.
Mend carpets and rugs.
Repair transom fixtures.
Repair window shades.
Repair light fixtures.
Clean flues and plumbing traps.
Whitewash cellar and coal bins.
Cut and chop dead wood and boxes for kindling.
Make garden and lawn improvements.
Build garage and playhouse for children.
Wash windows and mirrors.
Vacuum clean rugs and draperies.

To Office Managers

Arrange old files.
Classify or catalogue old material on the shelves or in the corner.
Check up accumulation of reports.
Have the auditing done.
Have the carpets taken out and cleaned.

Re-arrange partitions.
Have the furniture polished.
Do that circularizing campaign.
Copy records, tabulate and classify past experiences.
Make up new list of old customers.

To Storekeepers

Take inventory of stock.
Have the cellar cleaned.
Remove packing cases.
Paint the woodwork.
Build extra shelves.

Have your accounts audited.
Attend to cellar elevator.
Have the sidewalk work done.
Do neighboring sample distributing.

To Landlords

Inspect your property now and do not leave it entirely to your agents.
Attend to the plumbing and painting.
Have the cellars waterproofed.
Clean walls and ceilings.
Attend to papering and calceining.

Repair and clean areas.
Repair woodwork.
Clean chimneys.
Repair Sidewalks.
Paint outside walls.
Repair roofs.
Make garden and lawn improvements.

DON'TS

1. Don't give work to a person by taking a job from another. Don't pay Peter by borrowing from Paul.
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WHY WAIT TILL MAY FOR CLEAN-UP WEEK?

Vachel Lindsay, "The Troubador," Chants

The "Chipmunk" Contrasted With the "Swan" by Means of the Rhythm.

POETRY FOR SWING

Vachel Lindsay has been given the appellation of troubador, and if we may judge from his visit to Bryn Mawr College February 12, no other term could be more fitting. His aim is to make poetry a social exercise, and so his poems are written to be chanted, rhetorically spoken, or danced. The poems of the chipmunk and the swan, which he recited on Thursday evening, are good examples for his theory. Each, he says, must speak, or rustle for itself. And so Mr. Lindsay exaggerated the reading; "Mr. Chipmunk" as a poem is far more reasonable when slower, says its author, but then it would not be characteristic of "The chipmunk, the chipmunk, The monkey of the squirrel tribe; Quivering with monkeyshines Alert from ear to tail.

In the thimbleberry, raspberry, huckleberry trail,
In the thimbleberry, raspberry, huckleberry trail."

The swan, on the other hand, is one of the few things which cannot be "jazzed up," as Mr. Lindsay says. "A Swan Is Like a Moon to Me" is especially suited to be danced,

"And if they dance it is so slow
"And if they dance it is so slow."

Of dancing Mr. Lindsay has said that "anything that seems to be poetry to the listener can be danced by him while it is read to him," which seems logical since it seems to be chiefly by means of tempo that he characterizes his subject, as he has so admirably done in the syncopated case "Good-bye, Jazz Age; I'm Going Home." At any rate it is obvious that interpretation of one kind or another is necessary for complete appreciation of his work, possibly Mr. Lindsay's own at that; his voice is exceptionally sonorous, and whether or not one agrees with his method of using it, one cannot help feeling the tremendous vitality it has the power of imparting to the "printed page." He is quite frank about his work. Of the "Santa Fe Trail" he said that he was here to give us the tune and the general structure. There was no idea; so we need not look for one. On the other hand, of his humorous though kindly poem on Carrie Nation, he said that though written in his boyhood, "it had wind." Again, he admitted (after the performance) that he was proud of his ballad produced at the request of a magazine for a 2000-word article on "How to Write Poetry," and before reciting it he had asked his audience to realize that the "quiver in the voice and the briny tear were not sentimentality but mixed emotion." This poem, he says, marks his return to concentration after a period in which he had written diffusely. A work such as this shows that Mr. Lindsay writes not merely for the purpose of giving an impression, as he does with the chipmunk, for instance, but he has something definite to express. In other poems which he also recited he shows very real feeling, as in "Virginia." Being a wanderer himself, he who

Dances at Bryn Mawr



MARY WIGMAN

famous German dancer, who gave a recital at Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College, on Wednesday evening.

"—Went West to the new blue grass
When it was still Virginia."

This "land of the gauntlet and the glove" is also thought of in "The Virginians Are Coming Again," in which Mr. Lindsay prophesies the downfall of Babbit:

"You will die in your shame, understanding not day.

Out of your loins, to your utmost confusion

The Virginians are coming again."

The idea of looking back whence we came is also to be found in "The Rim-Rock, of Spokane, where

"We march to that alien blue-grass hymn

Under Spokane's brocaded sun, and her deeply embroidered moon."

although the city itself, rock-encircled and, says Mr. Lindsay, more "glittering than Broadway" is beautiful. California, too, is loved by Mr. Lindsay. Not only has he written what he calls a serious poem about it, which, incidentally, he did not recite, but he has praised it to "Punch, conductor, punch with care, punch for every passenger," which he let us hear for ourselves. Also Spokane may boast a "brocaded sun," but we doubt whether it could produce such a beast as appears in the chanty about the sea-serpent, who "cracks the ribs of ships and waits for the men that drown." This is one of Mr. Lindsay's most delightful poems. Whether such lines as

"This is the voice of the sun

Which the sailors understand.

There is far more sea than sand.

There is far more sea than land,"

have any meaning is relatively unimportant, at least when their author reads them. How great their intrinsic value is need not be considered. It is enough to say that Mr. Lindsay provides absorbing entertainment. L. C.

School Play Tonight

The Holman School play and dance will be held at the Bellevue-Stratford this evening.

Miss Brinton Speaks at Narberth Club

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The educational department in Mexico has been doing marvelous things in the way of teaching the people to read and write. In many places, schools of painting have been established, which is one way of educating the poorer class. Miss Brinton emphatically stated that it was an erroneous idea that Mexico and the people were dirty for she found both the streets and the people very clean. Many of the men will pay as much as \$100 for a hat while the women will spend an equal sum for their shawls and earrings.

In the rural districts, one sees many ox carts or mule teams, but hardly ever any motor vehicles. Human labor is employed to a great extent and many a heavy load is transported many miles on the backs of men. In the rural districts, also, one sees many fences of cactus, and in the background great fields of corn, which is the staple food of Mexico. Tortillas, made from ground corn, are universally used and are sold at the various market places. These are used in place of bread and potatoes.

Miss Brinton, in visiting one farm house, discovered that the most prized possession was a sewing machine, which every woman of Mexico desired above anything else, while the farmer still stuck to his primitive implements in order to give his wife her dearest wish.

Chicken, too, is one of the universal foods of Mexico, and many of the residents keep their live stocks on the flat roof of their houses, and it is quite customary to see flocks of chickens, turkeys and goats upon the tops of the houses, for there is no ice or cold storage in Mexico, and when one desires meat, he simply gets it and kills it.

Miss Brinton also showed many interesting views of Mexico City, the Floating Gardens, Oxacaco and the mountains.

At the end she displayed a number of interesting articles which she had brought from this mysterious country. Among them were a variety of shawls, a dress, baskets and numerous other articles.

Mrs. Joseph Hongler, First Vice President of the Club, presided. The program was in charge of Miss Florence Pray. Mrs. Edward Larney and

Mary Wigman Stirs Bryn Mawr Audience

Famous German Dancer Impresses Capacity Crowd by Her Unusual Art.

COSTUMES ADD BEAUTY

By THOMAS A. ELWOOD

Inclined to deride a bit, we attended Goodhart Hall at Bryn Mawr College Wednesday evening, to witness this Mary Wigman person—whom we knew to be no young sylph—perform a long and varied program of dances. And we came away convinced that Germany has added to its renowned artists of music an artiste of the dance.

Miss Wigman is no Pavlova nor Duncan nor Ruth St. Denis nor La Argentina. Her dancing is as original and post-impressionistic as Stravinski's music or Matisse's paintings. Her term, "symbolic rhythmoplastic displays," sounded, to be frank, like hot-air press-agentry to us. But Wednesday night's exhibition was all that is claimed for Miss "Wigman."

From the Dance Cycle, "Shifting Landscape," six dances were given—Invocation, Face of the Night, Pastorale, Festive Rhythm, Summer's Dance and Storm Song. After a 15-minute intermission, a Witch Dance and a Whirl Dance thrilled the capacity audience. Miss Wigman is a muscular woman, and graceful, withal.

In conclusion two dance songs in a gypsy mood were given, from the dance cycle, "Shifting Landscape." Their lighter vein contrasted well with the terrific tension and tempo of the two preceding numbers.

Costumes were well chosen to heighten the wildly fantastic nature of some numbers and the poetic beauty of others. Accompaniment of an unusual and fitting nature was done by Hanns Hasting and Meta Menz on a piano and some primitive instruments.

The Bremen, on March 14, will carry a highly talented and original creative—as well as performing—artiste in Mary Wigman.

Davis Lands Biggest Fish; Returns From Miami Shore

Two Narberth business men returned to the borough's marts Saturday afternoon, after a six weeks' visit to Florida. They are Gordon Wunder, of the Wunder Battery and Electric Service, Forest Avenue, and Gene Davis, of the Davis Store, Haverford Avenue. Their trip was made in Wunder's Buick, and one of the places they visited was Miami, where Wunder's parents have a winter home.

Fishing in the Gulf Stream, off Miami, the two caught 37 kingfish one day, and 26 the next. Gene caught a kingfish weighing 43¾ pounds—the largest one of the season.

Among celebrities they observed in Florida were Bill Tilden, Primo Carnera, Rudy Vallee and Eddie Cantor. Among Narberth folk they claim having seen in the orange zone were Pat Conway and Jeff Yowell.

W. F. M. S. Meets Monday

A very interesting meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in the church parlor Monday at 2:30 P. M. Devotions will be in charge of Mrs. J. H. Patton. The program leader is Mrs. C. E. Harneden. A violin solo will be played by Miss Ann Chalfant and a reading will be given by Mrs. Henry Frye. The hostesses will be Mrs. H. M. Chalfant and Mrs. A. W. Ward.

Mrs. Frank Stiefel were at the tea table.

The Literature Class of the Club met on Thursday morning in Elm Hall when an interesting discussion of current literature took place. Mrs. William Levis is the chairman.